

Jericho yeshiva reopens today

OC CENTRAL COMMAND Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran yesterday informed the heads of the Jericho yeshiva in the Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue that they could continue studying on the premises from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from today until at least Wednesday.

The matter will be re-evaluated on Wednesday, Biran said. Some 60 people spent Shabbat there and roads into Jericho have been reopened to Israeli traffic.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday issued scathing criticism of MKs Hanan Porat (NRP) and

HERB KEINON and Itim

Dov Shilansky (Likud), who were among those who had remained at the synagogue over the weekend.

"The sit-in at the synagogue in Jericho is a political demonstration under the guise of a religious forgery," Rabin said Friday.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to bring the Cairo agreement to the plenum for approval on Wednesday.

The Likud faction, in a statement, decided this move, saying

Rabin was trying to demonstrate national support for the agreement based on his majority in the Knesset, when in fact most of the nation does not support it.

"This government veered sharply from the mandate it was given by the people and gave the PLO concessions far beyond the autonomy plan," the statement said.

Speaking at the Likud's political executive session last week, Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu ar-

gued that "Rabin has two choices. He can still reverse his policy and live up to the promises he made to the electorate on the eve of the last elections. But if he insists on renegeing on all his undertakings, then he must go back to the people and seek a mandate for his undisciplined policies in new elections." Likud MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar said he planned to submit a bill that would require any concession of territory that includes a water source be put to a Knesset vote that would need support of 80 MKs to pass.

Christopher to resume shuttle talks next week

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher will return to the Middle East next weekend on a mission to advance Israeli-Syrian peace talks, an Israeli official said yesterday.

Uri Dromi, head of the Government Press Office, said that Christopher planned to arrive in Damascus next Saturday at the start of an open-ended trip of shuttle diplomacy between the Israeli and Syrian capitals.

The trip's intention is to get Israeli-Syrian peace talks off the ground, Dromi added.

Meanwhile, Christopher said Israel and Syria have gone into greater detail about their ideas of peace than ever before and created a stronger basis for talks.

Speaking at an American Jewish Committee dinner in Washington, Christopher said that despite still-wide gaps between the two sides, "the level of detail in their respective ideas is unprecedented and it creates a much stronger basis for negotiations."

A new, more substantive phase of these talks has been opened, and the United States intends to remain deeply engaged," he said.

Christopher said he would return to the region - perhaps by the middle of the month - to lend his personal efforts to the Jerusalem-

Damascus track. It is expected that he and the US peace team will devote the trip solely to that track.

Israeli ambassador Itamar Rabinovich said Israel believes "further progress can be made and some gaps can be narrowed" during Christopher's upcoming visit.

"For that to happen, Syria needs to respond fully to the peace package that we have presented and to engage in public diplomacy so as to persuade our government and our people that a transition from enmity to reconciliation has indeed been made," Rabinovich told the same gathering.

Israeli officials here concur with Christopher's upbeat assessment on prospects for a deal with Syria, but refused to discuss details of either the Israeli package or Syrian President Hafez Assad's response.

Meanwhile, in a report issued yesterday by the Syrian Foreign Ministry, Syria accuses Israel of human rights violations in the territories, the Golan Heights, and south Lebanon.

The ministry told the UN that Israel had violated international law regarding occupied territories when it destroyed 240 villages in the Golan and forced more than

120,000 Syrian citizens to flee. Syria also said it had given every chance for a just and comprehensive peace to be reached in the region, blaming Israel for the failure of the peace process.

Christopher's comments came just two days after President Bill Clinton said that he believed the chances of an Israeli-Syrian agreement were "greater than ever before."

But Christopher's hopeful comments on Syria clashed with some residual effects from Wednesday's signing of the Israeli-PLO accord. While praising Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's determination "to go the extra mile for peace," Christopher did not mention PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat at all. At the AIC dinner he referred only to the necessity of Palestinians honoring commitments "their leaders" have undertaken.

The slight was evidently directed at Arafat's initial, dramatic refusal to sign the Cairo agreement to sign the maps demarcating Jericho's self-rule boundaries.

In a related matter, several Senate Republicans have notified Clinton that they oppose US troops on the Golan to guarantee a Jerusalem-Damascus peace.

Senator Al D'Amato of New York, a long-time critic of Assad, called the idea a "naive proposal."

State may invest more in Gush Katif

AMIR ROZENBLIT

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat said Thursday the government was considering investing NIS 100 million a year for the next four years in advanced farming technology in the Gush Katif area of Gaza.

During a visit to Beersheba, Shohat said he had asked his staff to check into the proposal by the Agriculture Ministry, as part of a comprehensive evaluation of how the implementation of the autonomy agreement would affect farmers throughout the country, including in the Katif region.

Shohat also said, during a tour of a local chemical plant, that he had been told that an entrepreneur from Gaza had approached the plant offering to be an agent for its

products in the autonomous areas.

"Perhaps this heralds the exposure of Israeli products to the residents of the autonomy, and maybe from there to markets in Arab countries," he said.

Shohat said he had met with Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and with representatives of Israeli vegetable growers and it was agreed that in two weeks the evaluation of possible damage to the farmers caused by the Israeli-PLO economic agreement would be completed - including a decision on what compensation, if any, should be paid to farmers who suffer losses.

"The agriculture sector is problematic with relation to the [autonomy] agreement, and we pursued it without really seeing how things would develop," Shohat said.

He noted that he and Abu Alla, the Palestinian "finance minister," would be closely monitoring developments, saying they realized the economic agreement the two had signed was complicated and flexibility would be needed in implementing it, in response to events on the ground.

"The government is not ignoring its responsibility to those who may suffer from the autonomy agreement," Shohat said. "But each thing must be checked individually."

Liba'i to bring new bill on body searches

Jerusalem Post Staff

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i will bring for cabinet approval today a bill to replace the 1924 law on body searches, the Justice Ministry announced Friday.

Liba'i asked the Justice and Police ministries to prepare a bill on body searches which would be compatible with the Basic Law: Personal Dignity and Freedom.

In order to minimize the violation of human dignity, the bill determines that a body search will be conducted only if there is reasonable suspicion that there is evidence of a criminal act on the person's body.

A body search is to be conducted only after the authorities request it and effort must be made to limit bodily pain or discomfort, according to the bill.

Liba'i's bill defines three kinds of body searches: external, internal, and taking physical samples.

Lahat leaves Likud to support PLO agreement

SARAH HONIG

FORMER Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat announced on Friday that he is leaving the Likud, saying he is motivated "by the need to support the government. I am fully behind the agreement with the PLO and since the Likud is not, it is time we part."

Lahat stressed, however, that he is not joining any other party, "because they are all worthless."

He made his announcement in Jerusalem, where he took part in a pro-government demonstration along with several other former military officers.

The move caused no distress in the Likud, where his membership was for years considered only nominal and lacking any ideological identification.

Likud secretariat chairman MK Yehoshua Matza issued a statement saying: "Good riddance. The Likud has very long ago ceased regarding Lahat as one of its own. He was only with us out of convenience because we afforded him a ticket for the Tel Aviv mayoralty and with all the political infrastructure and vote-getting potential he needed."

Lahat did not disagree.



Former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat (left) and former intelligence chief Shlomo Gazit hold a placard bearing the name of a pro-government organization of reserve officers during a demonstration Friday in Jerusalem. (Isaac Harari)

Chief rabbi of Romania dead at 81

News agencies

BUCHAREST - Rabbi Moses Rosen, the head of Romania's Jewish community for nearly half a century who helped 400,000 Jews leave during the Communist era, died here Friday at the age of 81.

A memorial ceremony will take place today at the Choral synagogue here, where the body will lie in state. At 9 p.m., the bier will be placed on a Romanian government plane to be flown to Israel.

Rosen's deputy, Sorin Iulian, said Romanian Jewish community leaders, government officials and members of the Bucharest diplomatic community would go to Israel for the funeral.

Rosen, one of the most colorful religious leaders in Eastern Europe in his era, died of a heart attack Friday after suffering a stroke three weeks ago that left him partially paralyzed.

Romanian newspapers paid front-page tributes, and President Ion Iliescu sent a message to the Jewish community pledging official support in resisting antisemitism, a fight which Rosen had led fiercely throughout his career.

As Romania's Jewish leader since 1948, he fought to keep Jewish traditions alive in Communist Romania while at the same time helping Jews emigrate, mainly to Israel.

Romanian Jews were better off than many of their counterparts in other Communist states because Romania did not follow the rest of the Soviet bloc's decision to sever ties with Israel in 1967.

Before World War II, Romania had 800,000 Jews, one of the largest Jewish populations in Europe. Half were killed in the Holocaust, and most of the rest have since emigrated.

Rosen was born to an Orthodox Jewish family in the town of Bacau, in what is now Moldova, in 1912. He studied law in Bucharest and, after surviving the Holocaust, worked to help Romanian Jews emigrate.

He was sometimes criticized for undermining Judaism in Romania by helping so many Jews leave and channeling money to the Communist regime in exchange for exit visas. But he never wavered.

"The Romanians are not Jew-lovers," he said in an interview in 1987, two years before the collapse of communism. "They just understood it was necessary for them to solve the [Jewish] problem practically, and not to have a potential bomb."

"History will reveal the difficulties Rabbi Rosen faced in dancing the tightrope during the Ceausescu regime," Michael Schneider, executive vice president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, said last night.

Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

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An officer, a gentleman and a failed concept

ALON PINKAS

THE definitive military history of Haim Bar-Lev, the IDF's eighth chief of staff, awaits its writer, while contemporaries persist in casting the shadow of the flawed and failed "Bar-Lev Line" over an otherwise illustrious military career.

Bar-Lev, a soldier and an officer, fought with the Palmach and then in all of Israel's wars up to and including the Yom Kippur War.

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Dr. Vardella Melner will receive the Gertrude Kohn Prize for excellence in medical genetics.

Prof. Rivka Carmil of the Institute of Genetics, Soroka Hospital, and Ben-Gurion University will lecture on embryonic development.

Major's party trounced in local elections

ANNE SENIOR
LONDON

PRIME Minister John Major struggled to bring his poll-routed party to heel yesterday after a former Conservative leader complained bitterly of ministerial blunders and post-election complacency.

Major, his premiership under threat after a crushing defeat in local elections, urged his ruling Conservatives on Friday to rid themselves of the disunity and dissent which helped bring humiliation at the ballot box.

But the rallying cry failed to silence one of Major's habitual critics, former premier Edward Heath, who accused party leaders of failing to face up to the fact they had made "too many mistakes in policy and too many blunders".

Heath publicly backed Major but at the same time savaged his government's record, singling out its handling of European union and new taxes on domestic fuel for particular criticism.

He called for a swift cabinet reshuffle and a policy review to address the roots of Conservative unpopularity.

"It is an appalling result and our leaders must recognize this and say so publicly," Heath said in a radio interview, disregarding Major's call to resist recriminations and concentrate on doing better in European elections next month.

"They must stop kidding themselves that everything is really all right and we are just in a momentary lull," Heath, who remains a Conservative member of parliament, told the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Major and his ministers have cited a long recession and traditional mid-term unpopularity as reasons for the voter defection, which saw Conservatives council-

lors ejected from hundreds of seats around the country in Thursday's poll.

The party, which has controlled central government for 15 years, slumped to 27 percent of the local vote behind the opposition Labor Party and the centrist Liberal Democrats, reflecting anger over internal squabbles and policy U-turns.

The poll rebuff forced Major to acknowledge the possibility of a leadership challenge and spurred yesterday's newspapers into fresh conjecture about another political "coup" like the 1990 Conservative rebellion that ousted Margaret Thatcher.

"Time bomb under Major," said the *Daily Express* while the *Independent* predicted the premier was heading for "High Noon".

Heath, who is strongly pro-European, himself lost the party leadership to Thatcher after defeat in 1974 national elections.

The betting chain William Hill gave odds of 1-2 that Major will be out of office before the next general election, which is due by 1997. These were the shortest odds ever offered about a serving prime minister's possible downfall.

But Major could take comfort in the unaccustomed silence of another critic, maverick Conservative politician John Carlisle, who caused party outrage on Friday by pledging to challenge for the leadership later in the year.

"I think it will now go all quiet as everybody waits to see how we fare in the European elections," said Carlisle. "I think I will keep my mouth shut."

(Reuters)

Japan's Justice Minister quits over WWII remark

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan's embattled Justice Minister Shigetomo Nagano resigned yesterday after his attempts to whitewash past Japanese military aggression provoked a diplomatic row in Asia.

Nagano told Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, shortly after Hata flew home from a visit to Italy, France, Germany and Belgium, that he wanted to quit.

Questioned by reporters as he came out of the brief meeting with Hata, Nagano said: "Yes, I have handed in my resignation."

Later, Nagano apologized for his controversial comments at a late-night news conference.

A red-eyed, somber-looking Nagano told reporters that he was sorry that his comments had provoked a controversy both overseas and at home.

"I am sorry most of all for having deeply hurt and angered (the people in) neighboring countries," he said.

The 71-year-old former senior army officer also apologized to the Japanese public for the trouble his remarks had caused.

NHK public television and Kyodo news agency said that Hata had named Hiroshi Nakai from the Democratic Socialist Party to become the new justice minister. He is expected to be appointed today.

Nagano provoked heated protests from Japan's neighbors with remarks denying that Japan waged an aggressive war in Asia in the 1930s and 1940s or massacred tens of thousands of Chinese civilians in Nanjing.

The Rape of Nanjing (as Nanjing was then known) followed the Japanese army's conquest of the Yangtze River city on December 13, 1937. Troops killed more than 155,000 people, according to the 1948 Tokyo war crimes tribunal.

Nagano's comments were part of an interview carried by the daily *Mainichi Shimbun* on Wednesday. Faced with growing pressure from home and abroad, Nagano withdrew his remarks at a news conference on Friday.

But, seeing that the retraction had failed to quench protest, Nagano told reporters earlier yesterday that he would offer his resignation after Hata returned from Europe.

Nagano, whose resignation came 10 days after his appointment, is not the first Japanese minister to quit after uttering remarks on their own interpretation of Japan's role during World War Two.

Two other ministers were fired, once in 1986 under the government of then-Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and again in 1988 under Noboru Takeshita.

Bobbitt charged with battering fiancée

LAS VEGAS (AP) - John Bobbitt, whose penis was severed by his estranged wife, spent 13 hours in jail after being charged with battering his fiancée, then apologized and called their argument "a huge misunderstanding."

Bobbitt pleaded innocent Friday to a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. He was released on \$7,100 bail pending a June 3 hearing. He ignored reporters' questions as he sprinted down two flights of steps in the downtown jail's parking garage along with his bail bondsman and an unidentified man. They departed in a waiting four-wheel drive vehicle.

According to a police report, Bobbitt, 26, and Kristina Elliott had an argument, then Bobbitt "grabbed her right forearm, causing a bruise, then shoved her into a wall, causing a bruise."

He appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or another substance when he was arrested around 3 a.m., the report said.

Elliott didn't require medical treatment, Aaron Gordon, a spokesman for Bobbitt said. He released separate statements from Bobbitt and Elliott in which they reaffirmed their love for each other.

"I love her with all my heart," Bobbitt said.



Nelson Mandela speaks to Urbana Mothopeng, the widow of a former president of the Pan African Congress, in Soweto. (AP)

ANC takes over premierships

DAVID TUCKER
JOHANNESBURG

POWERFUL new regional parliaments met in South Africa for the first time yesterday, giving blacks their first political voice in three centuries of white domination.

Following the African National Congress's sweeping win in last week's historic all-race elections, leading members of the party were taking over as premiers of seven of the country's nine new all-race regional assemblies.

Rising ANC star Tokyo Sexwale became premier of the country's industrial heartland centered on Johannesburg, the nation's business and financial capital.

Spontaneous applause broke out in Johannesburg's civic center after Judge Chris "Frikkie" Eloff swore in Sexwale and other assembly members amid strict security following a reported white right-wing death threat against the new premier.

"I am elated. It was great moment and I treasured it," Sexwale told Reuters afterwards.

After taking the oath of allegiance, Sexwale said the region, its wealth originally based on gold mining, could become a manufacturing-driven dynamo for the whole country's economy.

"Peace must form the cornerstone of everything that we do," added Sexwale, who rose to

prominence following the killing last year of communist party chief Chris Hani by white rightwingers.

Eloff presided at the trial of rightwingers Janusz Walusz and Clive Derby-Lewis last October, sentencing them to death for the murder of Hani, Sexwale's erstwhile comrade-in-arms.

Political prisoner turned president-elect Nelson Mandela, who will be sworn in as South Africa's first black head of state on Tuesday, has set the tone for the nation's entry into a multi-racial, democratic era by underlining reconciliation.

Assemblies from the Cape, where the first white settlers stepped ashore in 1652, to the Northern Transvaal bordering Zimbabwe, a stalwart in the long fight against apartheid, will chart the future of the nine new regions.

The KwaZulu-Natal assembly, led by Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party, has put off its first meeting until Wednesday because of delays in wrapping up the election process in the volatile region.

The only other non-ANC assembly was in the Western Cape, where the white-led National Party's outgoing Law and Order

Minister Herms Kriel was elected regional premier.

Police stepped up security around Sexwale, the ANC's regional leader, after being informed of a reported plot to kill him. "It's like a bomb threat, you can't ignore something like that," police spokesman Colonel Eugene Opperman said.

Mandela, 75, and his ANC swept the elections that foreign observers formally endorsed. The ANC will dominate a 400-seat national assembly which meets for the first time tomorrow to formally elect Mandela as president.

Mandela named ANC chairman Thabo Mbeki as his first deputy president and right-hand man and said white Finance Minister Derek Keyes would stay in his key job.

Mandela, with Mbeki effectively working as prime minister, will head a power-sharing government whose cabinet will include the National Party of outgoing President F.W. de Klerk - Africa's last white head of state and Mandela's chief rival and pre-election negotiating partner.

Mandela said de Klerk would be the other executive deputy president.

The transitional constitution, on the basis of votes cast for the national elections, gives the ANC 18 cabinet posts, the National Party six and third placed Inkatha three. (Reuters)

UN troops lose sight of Bosnian Serb tank

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - UN peacekeepers said yesterday they had lost all trace of a Bosnian Serb tank they were following in the weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo.

The admission followed sharp United States criticism of UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi for permitting the Serbs to send tanks across the 20 km radius zone where heavy weapons are supposed to be under threat of NATO air attack.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati also made pointed remarks concerning the United Nations, saying his country would insist on being allowed to send 10,000 peacekeeping troops to Bosnia.

Velayati said in Sarajevo yesterday after talks with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic that he had received no convincing explanation from the United Nations on why Iran should not be allowed to contribute soldiers.

The UN is short of troops to fulfill its peacekeeping and humanitarian role in Bosnia but is reluctant to accept Iran's offer as it fears any Iranian contingent might be too partisan.

Velayati also reiterated Iran's readiness to help fellow Muslims against what he called "Serbian aggression".

UN sources said four Serb tanks were now at large in the zone established in February to lift the Serb siege of Sarajevo which cost at least 10,000 lives during two years of fighting.

Commander Eric Chaperon, spokesman for the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR), said a tank

eluded UN military observers who were following it on Friday after they were prevented from getting close to it by its Serb escort.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government has demanded Akashi's resignation over his deal to allow the Serbs to reinforce their forces south of Sarajevo with additional armor.

State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelly said the United States strongly objected to the violation of the zone and had protested to UN officials.

"The United States recognizes that Mr. Akashi's job is extremely difficult. We don't support calls for his resignation, but we would like to see him do a better job," she added.

The incident has been a political disaster for the UN with Akashi first agreeing to the tank movement in return for the lifting of a Serb blockade of British peacekeepers and then refusing after the deal became public.

When the UNPROFOR commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, also gave permission to the Serbs, Akashi countermanded his order.

UN spokesmen in Zagreb and Sarajevo have contradicted each other over several days in their official announcements about the location and destination of the tanks.

NATO military commander General George Joulwan visited Sarajevo on Friday "to make sure we are all singing from the same hymn book", a UN source reported.

Harassment charge is trash - Clinton lawyer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - President Clinton's lawyer denounced as "tabloid trash" a lawsuit by a former Arkansas state employee charging that the then governor made an unwanted sexual advance in 1991.

The president, asked about the suit, said, "I'm not going to dignify this by commenting on it... I'm going back to work."

Paula Corbin Jones, 27, filed the suit Friday in US District Court, seeking damages on four counts: deprivation of civil rights, conspiracy to deprive Jones of civil rights, "intentional infliction" of emotional distress and defamation.

In Washington, Clinton's lawyer Robert Bennett said the suit was "tabloid trash with a legal caption on it." He said Clinton denied the charge and did not recall even meeting the woman.

The suit claims Clinton arranged for a state trooper to invite Jones to a hotel room during a state management conference and

that in the room Clinton told her he was a good friend of her supervisor, pulled her toward him and moved his hand across her leg.

Jones alleges she brushed Clinton off, walked away from him and tried to distract him by asking about Mrs. Clinton. She said he sat down on a sofa, lowered his trousers and suggested a sex act.

Jones says she told Clinton she was "not that kind of girl" and moved to leave the room. She alleges Clinton told her, "You are smart. Let's keep this between ourselves."

Jones is seeking \$700,000 in damages from Clinton for the alleged incident at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock on May 8, 1991. Her court papers accuse Clinton of "sexually harassing and assaulting" her, and then defaming her with denials.

Jones did not appear Friday at the Little Rock courthouse but her lawyer read a statement saying the case "is not about money."

Munch's stolen 'Scream' recovered

OSLO (AP) - Norway's most famous painting, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, has been recovered at a hotel almost four months after it was stolen from an Oslo museum, police said yesterday.

"It was found at Aagaardstrand Hotel. It was undamaged," a police officer who declined to be named said.

Ellen Holager Andenaes of the Oslo police said the painting was apparently not damaged. Experts say it is virtually impossible to put a price on the painting but add it would be very difficult to sell the work on the open market.

The painting was recovered at an Oslo hotel. Police arrested three people, the national news agency NTB reported. Norwegian Television said three people had been arrested in connection with the missing painting but gave no details. Police had no immediate comment on the arrest report.

The 1893 painting, showing a waif-like figure wide-mouthed in terror beneath a blood-red sky was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo on February 12 this year, the day of the opening of the Lillehammer Winter Olympic games.

During the past 10 days, police found four pieces of the picture's frame in Nittedal, a suburb north of Oslo. Experts confirmed that two of the pieces were genuine, but had not yet studied the latest find, in which a local resident on Friday discovered two pieces in a roadside ditch.

Museum officials told newspapers they were worried about the condition of the delicate painting, especially if it was still in the frame when it was broken up.

The government and the museum refused to meet a \$1 million ransom demand received in February because no proof was offered that those making the demand had the painting.

During the break-in, two thieves used a ladder to climb up to a museum window, which they broke to get inside and steal the painting. The 50-second theft was videotaped by a security camera.

Rebels claim half of Rwanda

KABUYE (AP) - After a relatively quiet night, heavy mortar and small-arms fire erupted again yesterday morning in the capital of Kigali, a UN spokesman said.

A second UN source in Kigali, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tutsi rebels fighting the Hutu-dominated government had made substantial gains during the past four days of intense fighting.

On Friday, a rebel leader dismissed international efforts to stop the fighting in Rwanda, saying his forces would continue to press their attack until they controlled the capital and other government-held areas.

"What should we do, sit down with the very people, the criminals, who have been doing all of the killing?" said Maj. Gen. Paul Kagame, chairman of the rebel high command.

In an interview at rebel headquarters in Kabuye, five miles (eight kms) north of Kigali, Kagame said his forces had captured half of the Central African country. He said they would ignore calls for an international peace-keeping force until rebels controlled Kigali and other government-held areas.

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Highlights

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is pleased to open its 24th Annual Board of Governors Meeting with participants from Israel, as well as Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, South Africa, Switzerland and the United States. During a week of festivities, briefings, and planning sessions, the Board will take stock of BGU's accomplishments over the last year and crystallize plans for the University's future.

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Sunday, May 8



Irene Kreitman



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Marsha Tucker

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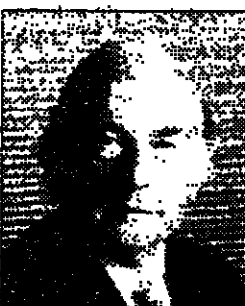
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Shimon Peres,
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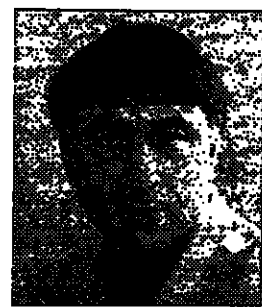
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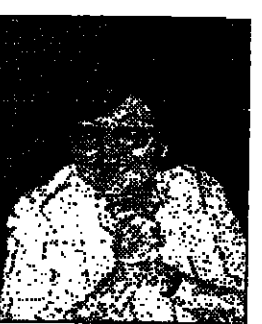
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Science, not fiction, in two magazines

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

FOR years, it was a desert; suddenly, the kiosks are abloom with colorful, informative, Hebrew-language science magazines for children and adults.

Just two years ago, the Science Ministry was bemoaning the fact that the only two youth magazines on science, published by the Weizmann Science Press (no relation to the Rehovot institute), stopped publishing because of severe financial losses.

Now, in addition to *Nitzanei Hamada* (published for elementary- and intermediate-schoolchildren by the National Science Museum in Haifa) and *Galileo* (a private venture in Jerusalem), there are two more offerings: a Hebrew-language translation of the 120-year-old US magazine *Popular Science* and a takeoff on *National Geographic* called *Teva Hadvarim* (The Nature of Things).

Teva Hadvarim, a full-color magazine produced every two months in Zahala, premiered a few months ago. It is the size and format of *National Geographic* but has no connection with that prestigious magazine.

It is edited by Udi Ran, and the first three issues have sold about 20,000 copies apiece.

"Five thousand of these were subscriptions, at NIS 108 per year," says deputy editor Dudu Ben-Tsur. "We were amazed by the number of subscriptions. There really is a demand for a quality product."

The articles, except for an editorial by Ran, are produced by freelancers. *Teva Hadvarim* has not commissioned anyone to go abroad.

It has published articles written by experts — with full-color quality photographs by local professionals — who have been overseas.

"But we intend to commission writers to go on expeditions and investigate special subjects," Ben-Tsur says.

Among the subjects in a recent issue were female circumcision in Africa (accompanied by some graphic photos), a portrait of crumbling Cuba, predators in the world of plants, an expedition to the Himalayas and a piece by Ben-Tsur on the Jordan River. He says Channel

One TV has asked to do a documentary on the basis of the article, together with the BBC.

"We intend the magazine to cover a wide scope of topics, from anthropology, urban planning and geology to biology, botanics and cancer research in a readable and graphic way.... Readers send comments saying: 'Why didn't anybody think of doing this before?'"

The company will also offer the magazines, two at a time, on CD-ROM. The CD-ROMs will cost the equivalent of \$45 apiece, with a discount if disks covering the entire year's magazines are purchased.

DAVIDSON-ATAI, the publishers of the Hebrew version of *Popular Science*, are in the final stages of negotiations to produce a Hebrew translation of *National Geographic*.

The Tel Aviv company, whose new chairman of the board is former president Chaim Herzog, has also won the rights to publish a Hebrew version of the health magazine *Prevention*.

But *Popular Science*, which started in the US 120 years ago — two years before Alexander Graham Bell won the patent on his telephone — is a real attraction to those here who can't make their way through the original English version.

Some 2.2 million copies of the magazine are purchased around the world each month.

Amir Davidson, the managing editor, says that the only other foreign language in which the magazine appears is Spanish.

"It was difficult to get their permission, because they thought it was not necessary, that everyone can read English."

He expects the number of English copies imported here — currently about 2,000 — will decrease as word gets around about the Hebrew version, which hit the stands a week ago.

The Davidson-Atai company, which produced the 24-volume *Olam Hatanach* on the Bible, is owned by Bank Hapoalim Investments, Ampal (Israel) Ltd., Davidson (a former manager of



The new science magazine 'Teva Hadvarim' looks like 'National Geographic' but has no connection with it.

Ma'ariv) and Dr. Yehuda Ata (a financial and data-bank expert).

A recent partner is Marvin Josephson, chairman of the board of ICM, which holds the rights on books by top political leaders, including Henry Kissinger and Margaret Thatcher.

The Hebrew edition is 98 pages, compared with the original's 140 — but this is not due to any deletion in text; it just lacks some of the English-language advertisements. The Hebrew version includes its own ads.

In the US, *Popular Science* costs \$2.50; it is sold here for NIS 14.90 — the exact price of the Hebrew version.

Davidson says local articles will comprise about 10 percent of the text, in addition to the original material.

Half a dozen translators receive the material on computer disk a month before publication.

They enter this into a Macintosh and replace the English text with Hebrew; it is then printed at the Carmel Press in Tel Aviv.

A chip off parent company's block

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WHY would a giant computer company, with some \$14 billion in annual sales and a presence in 100 countries around the world, establish one of its handful of chip-design centers in Jerusalem?

The answer is talent. "Our staff here are world class — creative, dedicated and productive, ready to handle the most difficult challenges, imaginative and rich in technical ability," says William Johnson, vice president of the semiconductor-engineering group at the Digital computer company.

Johnson, who visits four or five times a year, was here again two weeks ago along with his bosses to attend the dedication of Digital's \$7 million building in Jerusalem.

The 4,500-sq.-m. stone-and-mirrored-glass structure is located in the capital's Har Hotzvim industrial park, replacing crowded quarters in the Talpiot industrial zone.

"We plan to be the leader in the world market for chips connecting networks of computers," he said.

THE NEW building now accommodates 80 people, mostly young engineers, who design the most advanced chips for use in computers around the world, company officials say. The company intends to invest an additional \$8 million on the new facility and a second stage to be built in the future.

Digital, which entered the semiconductor market in 1975, established a branch here in 1973 and a chip-design center nine years ago; since then, Digital has invested \$40 million in its design center and has also established other export companies as well, including Negev Programming Industries and Dexis, which exports software.

The tiny chips, just three-sq.-cm. in size but holding almost 8 million transistors, are designed here but manufactured in Massachusetts and Switzerland. Thus, unlike the controversial proposed Intel expansion in Jerusalem, the new Digital building poses no pollution problem.

Digital's manager in Herzliya, Yigael Bar-Yosef, thanked the Jerusalem Municipality for its support, from locating the site to the final approval before the opening. He said the success of the Jerusalem facility was

so great that Digital-Israel reached a "reciprocal purchase" agreement with the mother company this year totaling \$50 million.

DIGITAL INTERNATIONAL's vice president, Ed Caldwell, who flew in for the occasion, said the chips designed in Jerusalem can handle 10 million bits of data per second.

The day will not be far off when the latest generation of chips designed in Jerusalem will be 10 times as fast, he said. The chips are especially useful in communications networks that link computers together.

Caldwell said the Jerusalem chip-design center, headed by Avraham Menahem, makes a major contribution to advances in the world computer market. In addition to using its advanced chips in its own computers, the company last year started selling these components to other major computer manufacturers.

President Ezer Weizman said he decided to attend the ceremony even though he is forced to turn down hundreds of invitations.

"The reason is that I am attracted by technology that advances society. Israel is a much better place than we think."

WEIZMAN ADMITTED he doesn't know much about science.

Looking through a microscope at a Digital computer chip as photographers snapped away, the president said, "I have no idea what I saw."

The president added that despite the "teetering national mood," the country's citizens had much to be proud of, including the standards of excellence that attracted the multibillion-dollar company to Jerusalem.

Noting that he is scheduled to visit South Africa to attend the inauguration of its next president, Weizman said the Jewish community — including Israelis — living there would come home if they had attractive jobs such as those offered at Digital and similar companies.

"Once, making money was regarded as being not Zionist," Weizman said. "Today, this is not so; making money means a developing economy and a higher quality of life and standard of living."

Computer business, Trashing the soil: Use urban garbage instead of peat

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

A Herzliya company, B-Plan International Software, has developed B-Plan for Windows, a program designed to produce future business plans.

The program helps create plans that outline the structure, operation and expected profitability of a proposed business.

The program resembles a pre-defined spreadsheet. All the formulas for the various calculations are pre-embedded in the program, as are the categories and types of data which the program requires.

This means B-Plan is a very specialized piece of software and not a general-purpose tool like Microsoft Excel. On the other hand, for the job it is meant for, it supplies all the necessary tools and needs very little configuration.

The user interface of the program, although standard Windows, is bright and colorful. The help screens use large colored print and the overall impression is user-friendly and cheerful. The program, however, is no speed demon. Screen refreshes take a long time, as do some of the calculations.

There are three basic stages to preparing your plan. First you write your company's information into the various data screens, next you analyze the data with the various analytical tools the program provides, then you use that data to produce reports and graphs in order to write your plan using a template that is provided.

In the first stage, you open each data category in turn and enter the details of your company. This includes its basic structure, how many employees and the size of their salaries, the sources of your company's capital, loans and their repayment terms, etc.

Entering data can be laborious. There is a spreadsheet-style repeat function which is hidden under the name "forecast" in the edit menu. This is more intelligent than a regular repeat function, as it allows you to indicate a trend, such as a certain expense going up by a regular percentage each month. To do a simple repeat, tell it a change of zero percent.

There are plans for four basic types of companies predefined which you can use as templates for your data, removing some of the drudgery of typing.

ONCE YOUR data is entered, you go on to the analysis stage. Here you can view balance sheets, profit-and-loss reports, break-even analyses and so on. There is also a "what if" feature that shows you how your profit would be affected if you were to change various parts of your data by a percentage, either up or down.

This feature seems rather limited; it is not configurable except in that it allows you to define the range of percentages of variation

that it shows. It only alters one class of data at once; you can't ask it what would happen if you were to lower equipment expenses and raise the price of your product simultaneously.

This seems to be one area where a spreadsheet would be more powerful, as you can change parts of your data ad infinitum, and instantly see the effect the change has on the rest of the table.

Before the program can analyze your data or produce reports or graphs, it has to perform the necessary calculations using your data. Very often it will find errors at this stage which seem completely reported, so you can easily find the bad data and correct it.

Here was a good example of ongoing development of a software product; while evaluating B-Plan, I worked on two versions of the program, and my chief reservation about the earlier one was the reporting of errors. This seems well corrected in the later version, which is numbered 1.10.

Documentation is reasonable. There is a full help facility and a spring-bound manual which is only slightly more detailed. It has no index or glossary, both of which I would consider essential to a program claiming to be easy for the first-time user.

There seems to be a minor compatibility with the latest Hebrew version of Windows. The program prints loan calculations and reports in a rather unattractive yellow font on a blue background.

This seems not to work at all now, though it did under the previous version of Windows. No text appears on screen, and Windows sounds the alarm bells. All in all, Microsoft seem to have created more problems than they have solved with the latest Windows.

Reports may be either printed out or exported to a word processor. The program is capable of exporting not only simple text files, but also what are known as "rich-text" or RTF files. These are designed to make fully formatted text portable between different programs by providing standard tags instead of the proprietary commands used by each program.

The only problem is that, as far as B-Plan is concerned, some of the reports are far too wide to be printed on regular paper, unless you use very big paper — which is usual for financial reports — or sideways printing, where the text is printed at a 90-degree angle. up the paper.

Altogether, I found B-Plan to be an interesting and powerful tool. It is a very specialized program, only useful to certain people. If you are looking for a financial planning program, however, it is certainly worth a look. It costs \$395 plus VAT, which in the currency of our country is NIS 1,390.

EVERYDAY urban garbage can be used as a soil-enrichment substitute for expensive, imported peat in container-grown plants, according to researchers at the faculty of agriculture of the Hebrew University.

Peat is highly organic soil derived from decayed plant growth.

It is excellent as a growth medium in hothouse agriculture, reducing water runoff, retaining moisture and preventing weed growth.

But it is difficult and costly to import peat, because some countries, for ecological reasons, put limits on its production and sale abroad.

Prof. Yona Chen, dean of the faculty, along with Prof. Yitzhak Hadar and graduate students Nir Barlev, Benny Hefetz and Moshe Shalit, say that ordinary organic garbage can be transformed into peat.

Discarded fruits, vegetables and other organic waste can be turned into compost through decomposition and stabilization caused by aerobic microorganisms.

Since heavy metals and bacteria found in urban garbage must not be included in this "recipe," the researchers are working on technological means to separate urban garbage into components.

So far, the material they have been able to process from urban waste encourages good plant growth and supplies vital nutrients.

The research is financed by the US-Israel Binational Agricultural

Research and Development Fund and from US Aid for International Development funds.

MAKING PIGS OF THEMSELVES

Meanwhile, pigs in New Jersey are feasting on garbage sent from Philadelphia and saving the government \$3 million a year.

Twice a week, 16 New Jersey pig farmers make predawn trips to the big city to collect organic garbage.

The city of Debtford pays out \$1.9 million to the pig farmers for picking up the waste each year, which works out to about \$79 a ton.

It would have to pay \$125 a ton for recycling of the same food waste, which is much cheaper than the pigs' previous diet, corn.

The farmers cook the organic waste before dumping it in the troughs. The pigs thrive on everything from egg shells and fruit rinds to vegetable scraps and bones, but they turn their snouts up at coffee grinds, glass, paper and plastic.

TECHNION RESEARCHERS FOUND TOP QUARK EVIDENCE

Two decades of searching have resulted in the discovery of the "top quark," the last of 12 subatomic building blocks believed to make up all of matter. *The New York Times* reported recently that an international team of 439 scientists at Illinois' Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory were credited with the achievement.

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The strange-named quark is a particle smaller than a trillionth of the thickness of a human hair. Quarks make up protons and neutrons inside atoms, which decades ago were mistakenly believed to be the smallest particles of matter.

Five quarks were previously discovered, but since they are believed to come in pairs, scientists thought a sixth, known as the "top quark," must exist.

The quark was created by slamming particles of matter together at high speed to create miniature energy bursts like the "Big Bang" that is believed to have created the universe. The circular-shaped Fermi accelerator was powerful enough to create the collisions needed to produce a top quark.

The discovery of the top quark is important because it completes the experimental proof of a theory known as the Standard Model, which defines the modern understanding of the atom and its structure.

It's like discovering the final piece of a puzzle, said David Schramm, a theoretical physicist at the University of Chicago.

If the top quark had not been found, the Standard Model would have collapsed, forcing scientists to rethink three decades of work in which governments around the world had invested billions of dollars.

Technion researchers, however, say that a few years ago they showed evidence of the existence of the top quark. A large group in the physics faculty, including Profs. Gad Ilam, Michael Gronan, Paul Singer, Arnon Dar, Michael Marinov and Ya'acov Goldberg, tried to discover this tiny particle in Switzerland but failed.

Their efforts, however, produced "evidence of its existence," they claim, and they even predicted its weight almost exactly, although they didn't measure it directly.

ANCIENT GENES HINT AT EVOLUTIONARY SECRETS

Genetic "fossils" — remnants of genetic material from ancient times that may throw new light on the way these proteins evolved — have been discovered by Weizmann Institute scientists.

Prof. Edward Trifonov and a team of scientists from the department of structural biology say that genes may have once had the shape of separate, free-floating rings, and that only in the course of evolution did they assemble into lengthy chromosomes seen in the cells of today's organisms.

While it has long been proposed that chromosomes had evolved from separate pieces of DNA, the Weizmann research — published in the *Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences* — provides an important factual basis for the idea and establishes the size of segments that may have served as

the genetic building blocks of evolution.

The scientists suggest that natural selection and evolution of proteins took much less time than previously thought.

At present, when a cell divides, its genetic material is neatly separated into two identical halves so that the genes of both daughter cells are an exact copy of the parent.

But Trifonov says that ancient cells had no stable, permanently fused core of genes, so their division involved a random splitting of separate genetic segments between the daughter cells.

The fusion of segments in various combinations must have dramatically speeded natural selection because it increased the organism's ability to adjust to the environment, he says.

Trifonov studied the lengths of many genes' coding for proteins and found that many contained a sequence of amino acids divisible by a certain number — about 125 for animal proteins and 150 for bacteria.

This corresponds to about 400 base pairs of DNA, which is the optimal size at which DNA tends to form a ring.

The finding that many protein genes are made of standard-sized pieces led the researchers to propose that such segments must have once existed separately, then fused into larger, ring-shaped structures comprising two or three segments and later the composite genes formed chromosomes.

Smother surgical scars with silicone

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

THE likelihood that surgical incisions turn into ugly scars has been reduced by the development of reusable silicone sheets that bind the wound and speed healing.

The sheets were invented by Degania Silicone, the company that makes baby pacifiers and bottle teats. They are a vast improvement over the commonly used expensive silicone gels that disintegrate and have to be replaced frequently.

Eitanim, the health journal of Kupat Holim Clalit, reports that the sheets can be used even 30 months after surgery and still reduce scarring. The mechanism by which the silicone works is not well understood, says Dr. Amiram Bornstein, deputy director of plastic surgery at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

Some theorize that static electricity makes the difference, while others say the complete insulation of the skin from oxygen is what causes the rapid healing.

The only side effect is occasional redness of the skin, apparently an allergic reaction. In that case, the silicone sheets should be removed for several days, Bornstein says. Some patients' scars react quickly, with swelling and redness significantly reduced, while a minority show no improvement.

TUNISIA-ISRAEL DENTAL COOPERATION
Tunisia's health minister, Prof.

MORE WATER IN SPRING
The body has more difficulty

acclimating itself to heat in the spring and beginning of the summer than during the steamy days of summer, says Dr. Zvi Rottenberg, head of the emergency department at Beilinson Hospital.

In a reminder to the public to drink 15 or more glasses of water per day during a heat wave, Rottenberg says that in winter, the body temporarily loses its ability to acclimate itself to the heat. This process, involving several body systems, utilizes increased fluid intake to produce sweat and lower body temperature. Thus, in the drastic changeover from winter to spring, the body is less prepared to adapt than in the height of summer, when it has again acclimated itself to the heat.

Rottenberg says it is therefore very important to drink in the spring. The symptoms of heat prostration are thirst, hot and reddened skin, a quickened pulse and nausea. Dizziness, headache and shortness of breath may follow. In the most extreme stages, delusions can be followed by loss of consciousness and death.

Children and the elderly are especially susceptible to heat stroke, he said. It is better to avoid carbonated drinks, because they give the illusion of a full stomach before the body has really taken in enough fluid. There is no truth to the belief that drinking cold water makes perspiring people catch a cold, or that one is not allowed to drink water after eating fruit.

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The real test

LEGAL advisor to the foreign ministry Yoel Singer is hardly a household name. But he has played a major role in formulating the Israel-PLO agreement. It is safe to assume that no one knows its legal implications better.

According to Singer, if the PLO merely ceases terrorist activities in the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho and permits - let alone encourages - terrorist strikes elsewhere, it will be in violation of the agreement. This should have been clear even to those who are less versed in the pact's details. The much publicized letters PLO chief Yasser Arafat sent Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the late Norwegian foreign minister Jergen Holst before the signing ceremony on the White House lawn specified that the PLO would not only renounce and denounce all terrorist activities, but discipline those who did not.

What has happened since the letters were written in early September makes a mockery of the PLO commitments. As pointed out by the non-partisan Peace Watch organization, led by Natan Sharansky and other public figures from left and right, Arafat has completely disregarded his solemn promise to stop terrorism, just as he has ignored the pledge to change the PLO covenant. Not only has he failed to call, in public, for an end to violence; he has continued financing and supporting groups in his own Fatah faction which have been responsible for "36 attacks with guns, grenades, bombs or knives, leading to a total of six dead and 24 injured" as reported by Peace Watch.

The revelation of this information makes it difficult to accept the Israeli rationalizations for Arafat's failure to curb terrorism. Yet

virtually every government official, from Rabin down, has excused this failure by explaining that without an armed police force in physical control of a defined area, Arafat is impotent and cannot be expected to combat "opponents of the agreement." But financing groups which continue to kill, as Arafat has done, can hardly come under the heading of powerlessness. Nor can his refusal to publicly call for an end to violence be described as anything but an abdication of moral authority.

Now that the PLO army is ready to enter the Gaza District and the Jericho area, these excuses - according to Singer - must be discarded. Not only should Arafat's army be able to squash terrorism inside the self-rule areas; it should eliminate bases in these areas for terrorist actions in Judea, Samaria, and Green Line Israel. More important, now that Arafat has achieved all the trappings of sovereignty he demanded, it should not be difficult for him to exercise the authority of his government on the vast majority of Palestinians. His gambit "if you don't give me what I demand the rejectionists will be strengthened" should no longer work.

The "rejectionists" - particularly George Habash and Ahmed Jibril - have already announced they will continue with the "armed struggle." Arafat's response to this will tell much about his intentions. Some of his men, appointed to head the "police force," have already announced their troops will never use their weapons against fellow Palestinians. If Arafat follows their line rather than act in a way Singer - speaking for the government - expects him to act, Israelis can hardly be blamed for feeling the "land for peace" deal is missing the second half of the equation.

Blind enthusiasm

THE European parliament was congratulating itself last week after its vote in favor of granting four more states membership of the European Union (EU). But while the EU parliament accepts the countries, it is far from certain that the people of the EU, or of the candidate states, will.

In separate votes the parliament approved adding Norway, Finland, Sweden and Austria to the EU, by an average of 376 votes in favor to 22 against. But the most recent opinion polls show reasonable support for the enlarged union only in Austria at 51 percent. In Norway and Sweden enthusiasm is in the low 30s and in Finland it is 47 percent. Nor are all 12 current EU members as enamored as the vote in parliament might indicate. The European parliament's nod was a legal requirement for adding new members. But national legislatures in the EU and in the four candidate states must now formally ratify the move. The candidates must then poll their people in referenda on membership.

The vote itself was almost abandoned amid demands from some deputies that the EU parliament hold out for more powers for itself before considering new members. Many parliamentarians have complained that widening the union is like stretching a thin membrane too far and have coined the motto "first deepen, then widen."

The war of words over the future of Europe is likely to heat up at a summit of EU leaders on Corfu in June. There are signs that the vision of exactly where the continent is headed has become extremely fuzzy and, given the enormous political and economic power the

EU commands, it is no doubt imperative that new, realistic and clear objectives are set.

From cynical Euro-unionists like Britain to fervent advocates of a federation like France, the gap between European leaders themselves and between the leaders and their people, has been creeping slowly wider since the heated Maastricht Treaty battles. There are few Europeans left who can see a United States of Europe anywhere on the most remote horizon. Instead, the number is growing of those who could envision the whole edifice collapsing like an over-hastily constructed Tower of Babel.

The 1990s are witnessing the fading not only of communism, but of all other grandiose ideas of international harmony, new world orders and quasi-utopias. The post-war ideal of a deeply united Europe is in danger of joining them on the scrapheap. The war in Yugoslavia has reminded even the French that, historically, Europe has been as renowned for its barbarism as for its high culture. While the democracies were lauding the sturdiness of capitalism compared to communism, they failed for a time to notice that the world's most resilient weed remains ethnic nationalism.

The Maastricht Union Treaty last year almost ran aground due to resurgent nationalism in the members' parliaments. The EU would do well to tread very warily in its next steps, especially with the rickety new eastern democracies pressing for membership. The union is a tremendous achievement built up over 40 years. It would be a shame to see it disintegrate in a mere four or five.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OP-ED PAGES

Sir - The Jerusalem Post frequently claims that the viewpoints in its op-ed pages are fairly balanced. Here, then, are the contents of page 6 of the Post's May 3 issue (one day before the signing of the Gaza/Jericho agreement):

In the first editorial attacking "Rabin's transformation," you write that his arguments and policies "cannot withstand even superficial logical scrutiny" and are "incomprehensible."

The second editorial, "So much for democracy" in the Arab world, concludes that from this point of view, "the Arab states are doomed to remain a collective basket case for the foreseeable future."

There is one of Ariel Sharon's regular articles, this one "The missing motivation," attacking the government for not doing enough to return our missing soldiers and prisoners.

In "Dead end," Miriam and Yona Baumele, the parents of one MIA, deal with the same subject.

Ben Dansker writes in "A step from the brink" that full normalization with Syria may take "years, maybe decades" (but this was relatively the most balanced article on the page).

There were four letters to the editor, one noting that "no one expects Arabs to live up to the civilized standards of Western civilization," the second writing of Shlomo Gazit that "shivers ran up

my back as I knew that this man once served as head of military intelligence," and the third asking if in the peace negotiations, "wishful thinking has taken the place of a rational and realistic determination of our options."

The last and shortest letter praised the Friday sports page. For many readers like me, that may be the only part of the whole page with which we can concur.

Jerusalem.

There is no way to keep the op-ed page balanced every day. But the J.P. does publish pro- and anti-government op-ed articles in equal numbers every month. Letters to the Editor are published as they arrive; no attempt is made to balance them - Ed. J.P.

SELECTIVE POSTAL SERVICE

Sir - A month ago, I spent a pleasant week in Sinai. The corals were beautiful, the prices reasonable and the Egyptians and Beduin most courteous.

One small thing spoiled the vacation. While there, I posted a number of picture postcards to various friends and relatives. Those sent to America and Britain have been received, but those sent to Israel have yet to arrive.

G.L. GOLDMAN
Tel Aviv.

THE WAR ON POVERTY

Sir - Recently, a Palestinian worker who became a friend phoned from his West Bank town. With great embarrassment, he asked me to send him some money to buy food for his family.

Minister Ora Namir spoke some time ago so well about the struggle against poverty. But Minister Ora Namir also justified the closure. I can't believe that she does not know what I know: that Palestinians are not only living under the poverty line, but are actually starving.

Is there really anybody who believes that starving the Palestinians is guaranteeing our security?

BEATE ZILVERSMIDT
Tel Aviv.

JUPITER SIGHTING

Sir - Your news brief of April 28, "Jupiter visible Saturday night," suggests that a rare phenomenon is taking place. In fact, Jupiter has now been clearly visible every night for several months and, given clear skies, will continue to be seen for several months more until daylight catches up with it. This happens every year.

Whether it is in the east, south or west depends upon the time of the night the observation is being made.

N.M. RASBASH
Kiryat Ono.



Golan 'deposit' concept

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres, who last week appeared on Channel 1's new call-in interview program, was hard-pressed to explain the disparity between the negotiating tactics of Syria and Israel.

While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had already volunteered Israeli preparedness for a major, if not total, withdrawal from the Golan, Hafez Assad was keeping mum. He hadn't budged.

No problem, answered the imperturbable Peres. Israel has declared its advance readiness to withdraw, but this is contingent upon two conditions. First, Assad must conclude a full peace and second, as a preeminent Arab leader, he must undertake to ensure that all grievances between Israel and the Arab world have been resolved. Failing that, Israel will stay put on the Golan.

This formulation is vintage Peres in that it effectively combines the fatuous with the insidious. The current Peres fantasy is that a deal with Assad can lay to rest all outstanding issues between Israel and the Arab world for posterity. Assad cannot even guarantee the tenor of Israeli-Syrian relations once minority Alawite rule is ended, let alone take responsibility for the entire Arab world.

Peres undoubtedly realizes this. But he would like to convince the public that a Golan surrender will be that "final" sacrifice required to gain Israeli acceptance by the Arab world. The vast pain is justified by the infinite gain of peace for all times.

The more serious aspect of Peres's gloss on the government's Golan policy is its implied acceptance of the "deposit" concept. Under this concept, Israel is re-

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duced to a mere custodian of all areas liberated during the Six Day War, patiently awaiting their rightful Arab owners. As soon as that owner has declared his willingness to make peace with Israel, he can claim his property, including the improvements Israel has made on it.

Israel is reduced to a custodian of areas liberated in 1967, awaiting their rightful Arab owners

THIS CONSTRUCT, as members of the Labor Knesset faction have already pointed out to Rabin, is nearly identical to the contention by Abdul Wahab Darawsh and Shulamit Aloni that the Golan is Syrian soil.

A major psychological threshold has been crossed. It is one thing to surrender land Israel considers its own, quite another to return something that has been merely held on consignment.

The logic is a serious blow to the resolve of the Golan residents. To expect Israeli citizens to build up wineries, dairies, ski resorts and their communities in general when they have been relegated to the status of a deposit bottle is a cruel mockery. It is tantamount to expecting the owner of a commercial

laundry to build his family's wardrobe around clothing left for cleaning and subsequent pickup by customers.

In a sense, the laundry man's situation is better than the Golan's predicament. A laundry assumes responsibility for items of clothing up to a certain date, after which the original owner loses his claim.

Rabin and Peres insist that Assad is entitled to special consideration and cite the Camp David precedent with Egypt. Yes, the Camp David agreement in terms of total withdrawal from Sinai was calamitous and unjust. However, only a political leadership intent on totally abandoning the Golan chooses to hide behind the fig leaf of Camp David.

By what logic is Assad entitled to what Sadat received at Camp David? It was Assad, after all, who led the drive to ostracize Sadat and isolate Egypt within the Arab world following the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. Sixteen years have passed since Camp David. Surely there is some penalty for overdue peace negotiations.

The idea that Syria can use the Golan as a springboard for aggression, maintain a position of belligerence toward Israel for 27 years and then expect to receive an enhanced Golan as a matter of course may make sense through the looking glass of Rabin and Peres. It unfortunately drives home the dangerous lesson that Arab leaders cannot be held accountable for their actions.

The deposit theory must be rejected. Israel's policy on the Golan and elsewhere must be no deposit and no return.

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Much-maligned Histadrut

THE Histadrut has had a bad press: it has been stigmatized as a dinosaur, a remnant of another age which cannot find the way to adapt to new conditions. Its reputation has been further tarnished by the vicious attacks of Haim Ramon, who now presents himself as its savior in his campaign for the secretary-generalship.

Much of the argument about its future is vitiated by a failure to understand the true character of this unique organization. Officially, it is known as the General Federation of Labor, but it is more than a federation.

Perhaps the best way to describe it is as a community, with a membership comprising the majority of the Israeli population, organized in an enormous variety of mainly self-governing bodies bound together by common principles and formally subordinate to central institutions directly elected by the entire membership.

These include kibbutzim and moshavim, independent cooperatives, workers' committees, local labor councils, national trade unions, industrial combines, social services, pension funds, and so on. This is a partial realization of the ideal of "Am oved" - a working people - for the great majority of the members live by their work and not by the ownership of capital.

The power of the central institutions - the executive council, the central committee and the secretary-general - is greatly exaggerated.

In a recent interview in this paper, for instance, a teacher criticized the Histadrut because she had to "pay" for wage increases by spending more hours in school, as if it was Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld who had dictated the recent agreement with the Education Ministry.

The current election campaign makes it sound as if we are choosing a kind of prime minister who will hand down orders to be obeyed all down the line. It is time

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everyone concerned understood that the secretary-general does not run Bank Hapoalim, or Kupat Holim, or Koor, or Egged, any more than he runs any particular kibbutz or moshav. Each of these, as well as many other bodies under the Histadrut umbrella, has its own form of governance.

It has changed and it needs continued basic reform - not a miracle man

Rival candidates and many media commentators seem to believe, that once a new savior wins power he will bring "new life" in a jiffy to the tired old organism.

But we cannot reinvent the Histadrut, just as we cannot reinvent the State, despite its faults. We must go forward from the point at which we stand now.

IN THE early years, Mapai used to send national leaders to take charge. These times are over. The recent heads have been authentic workers' representatives who have grown within the organization.

Haberfeld is typical: he has progressed through the workers' committee of the Military Industry, the national trade union, the leadership of the Histadrut's trade union section to the post of secretary-general.

The Histadrut has done much to adapt to new conditions in the past few years. When Koor was in danger of bankruptcy, a non-political organizer, Benny Gaon, was given a free hand, with Prof. Eitan Sheshinski to head Hevrat Ovdim, the central board of the labor

economy, and the results have been spectacular.

Ramon is entitled to part of the credit for the establishment of the board of experts to run Kupat Holim, which has made striking progress in the past year (it has gained more new members than the number of old ones it has lost). Bank Hapoalim is the largest and not the least efficient of the banks.

Of course there are problems, as there are in almost every area of Israeli life. Haberfeld appointed, long before Ramon's messianic challenge, a committee which has presented what this paper called "revolutionary" reform proposals, many of which are embodied in the Labor Party's election platform.

This is a great living, breathing organism, which has significant achievements to its credit - not only in the distant past. US President Clinton is engaged in a painful struggle to create a health insurance system which will approach the egalitarian services provided by Kupat Holim Chalit and its imitators.

Following on the radical changes of the past few years, the Histadrut still needs basic reforms, but these will require not the fiat of a new miracle man but creative leadership and voluntary cooperation in a wide variety of bodies.

Least of all does it need the neo-capitalist ideologies of Ramon and his cronies, who have made their way in a quite different sphere, starting with student politics and going on through the party's "Young Guard" to the primaries, membership in the Knesset and then in the Cabinet.

The voters in the current elections have no need to look back in anger and take refuge in messianic illusions. They should look forward in hope, consider the records and the programs of the competing parties, and cast their votes accordingly.

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Soul scrub

ABIGAIL TRAFFORD

SOME people are organized about spring cleaning. They set aside a weekend in May to pack up winter mittens and throw out old shoes. For others, the annual ritual is more chaotic: a paper storm at your desk, a frantic gesture in the kitchen when you find four nearly empty tile cleansers.

But spring cleaning isn't just an invention of the scrubbochemicals lobby or the better-management bureau. Spring cleaning can also be psychological, a timeout to confront the emotional clutter that has accumulated in your mental closet: Old slights. Chronic stress. Dark betrayals - what Washington psychoanalyst Harvey L. Rich calls "the whispering damage in normative homes."

In psychological spring cleaning, you throw some things out, store others in boxes for the basement, give a few things away and keep only what you think you are going to use.

"This is mental-health maintenance - a time to check in with yourself and tune up," says developmental psychologist Cathleen Gray of Catholic University. "Some people like to keep their

A time to spring-clean your head. The psychological art of 'dropping it'

emotional clutter; it makes them feel like they're doing something. But a messy desk means there's no fresh start. Spring cleaning means letting go of the past. That's a wonderful feeling."

EMOTIONAL SPRING cleaning cannot eliminate the tremendous stresses society places on the home and the workplace. It isn't a substitute for psychotherapy, or treatment of a mental illness. It's just a pause for introspection.

The first step is to get the mess out of the closet. Embarrassments and feelings of shortcomings over here, resentments and anger there. Psychiatrists call this phase "disassembly." The next phase, "reassembly," involves sorting through the mess, reorganizing memories and putting priorities back on the shelves.

A key task is learning how to throw things away - mastering the psychological art of dropping it. The "it" may be the way a spouse eats in public, a supervisor comments on your work or a neighbor complains about the sad state of your yard. "Does this injure my soul, or does this injure my sensibilities? If the injury is to your soul, I say, fight like hell. If the injury is to your sensibilities, drop it," explains Rich.

At some point, even major injuries to the soul have to be laid to rest. Perhaps they are not thrown out (the fight was too important), but put away in a trunk. As Gray says: "There's time to store away old fights so they're not cluttering up your current life."

You remember the boss who tried to nix your career, the spouse who in an earlier decade had an affair. It takes more than spring cleaning to heal these injuries to the soul and move on. But the process is similar.

"They need time," Gray says of couples who want to stay together after an affair. "The person who has the affair has to pay the price and rebuild that trust. The other person has to be clear at what point that trust is rebuilt. Then the affair is put away." Otherwise the old injury becomes a power chip, sitting there on your shelf, ready to be used at the slightest provocation.

Some people are afraid of emotional spring cleaning. They fear that once they start cleaning out the closet, they'll end up demolishing the whole house and have to be dragged off to a psychiatric ward.

It's true that when you empty an old closet, you make a bigger mess on the floor. In effect, you bring on a storm of anxiety before the calm. That's why it's good to break from the normal frantic pace and find a safe spot for self-assessment where the telephone doesn't ring when you do your cleaning.

Often what comes from this periodic tuneup is simplification. You do the reverse of making New Year's resolutions. You pledge not to do things.

"You decide to be a less-good parent, to be not so conscientious," says Rich. "Or you decide to say to a spouse: 'I don't want to do the cooking any more.' It's liberating for the person, the spouse, the child."

Emotional spring cleaning provides the opportunity to move on. With age (and practice) you learn the psychological art of dropping it.

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Tributes to Nixon Dishonor the Dead

Don't speak ill of the dead. It's an accepted custom — one that's been shaping media reminiscences of Richard Nixon.

But the rule against speaking unkindly of the deceased is no license to distort history. That dishonors other dead — including those who lost their lives because of Nixon's policies.

The conventional wisdom in the press is that Watergate tarnished a presidency characterized by foreign policy triumphs. According to many obituaries, Watergate resulted from a character flaw of paranoia; but in foreign affairs, Nixon was clear-thinking and far-sighted. To make the case for Nixon as foreign policy master, unwanted historical facts have to be shuffled, shrunk or ignored.

Virtually every media retrospective hails Nixon for opening U.S. relations with China in 1972. Yet — if it was "genius" to begin dialogue with the state that governed almost one-fourth of the human race — what brand of folly was it to have spent most of the previous 20 years demonizing other Americans who proposed just such a common-sense move?

Nixon had been a charter member of the "China Lobby," which reacted to the Maoist revolution by initiating purges in

portrayals of Nixon as a foreign policy whiz.

In March 1969, two months after taking office, Nixon ordered the secret bombing of Cambodia in pursuit of Vietnamese communist bases. In the next 14 months, the U.S. flew 3,630 bombing raids over Cambodia — whose neutrality in the Cold War and the Vietnam War infuriated Washington. Military records were falsified to hide the bombing from Congress.

In March 1970, Cambodia's neutralist Prince Norodom Sihanouk was neatly ousted in a military coup smiled on by the Nixon administration. The next month, the U.S. widened the Indochina War by invading Cambodia — causing massive numbers of civilian casualties and refugees.

The Nixon intervention plunged a once peaceful, neutral Cambodia into chaos, war and dislocation that led inexorably to the victory of the murderous Khmer Rouge in 1975. On the eve of their seizure of power, Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey declared that what the U.S. had done to Cambodia was a "greater evil than we have done to any country in the world."

In recent days, almost every media review of Nixon's life has politely ignored a five-letter word:

Richard Nixon's foreign policies were often deadly. When news reports obscure that reality, terms like "cover-up" and "stonewalling" are quite apt.

Washington against diplomats who had "lost China" — ruining the careers of thoughtful Americans. Policy debate on China was stifled for nearly two decades. What was the ingenious solution foisted on our country by this lobby? Pretending that the island of Taiwan — home of exiled Gen. Chiang Kai-shek — was the real China.

Vietnam was another of Nixon's "foreign-policy accomplishments of historic proportions," in the words of *The New York Times*: "After at first broadening and intensifying the conflict in Indochina, he ended U.S. involvement in the fighting there."

This summary of Nixon's role in Vietnam ignores the fact that he campaigned in 1968 as something of a peace candidate, claiming to have a "secret plan" to end the war. What was the "plan"? Escalation. Nixon didn't end U.S. involvement in the fighting. He prolonged it. Over 25,000 U.S. soldiers and a half-million Vietnamese — most of them civilians — were killed as President Nixon pursued the war, despite opposition from increasing numbers of Americans.

U.S. military advisers were still backing a corrupt South Vietnamese government until it fell in April 1975 — eight months after Nixon resigned. He hardly deserves praise for "ending" the war. One country neglected in news accounts praising Nixon is Cambodia. A focus on his Cambodia policy — which was illegal and deadly — would undermine

Chile. Although an obsession for his administration, that country is not cited as one of Nixon's "foreign-policy achievements."

Nixon and top adviser Henry Kissinger did achieve their objective in Chile, which was to prevent the elected president — democratic socialist Salvador Allende — from serving his six-year term. They ended up destroying one of Latin America's oldest parliamentary democracies, replacing it with a brutal military dictatorship that ruled for 16 years.

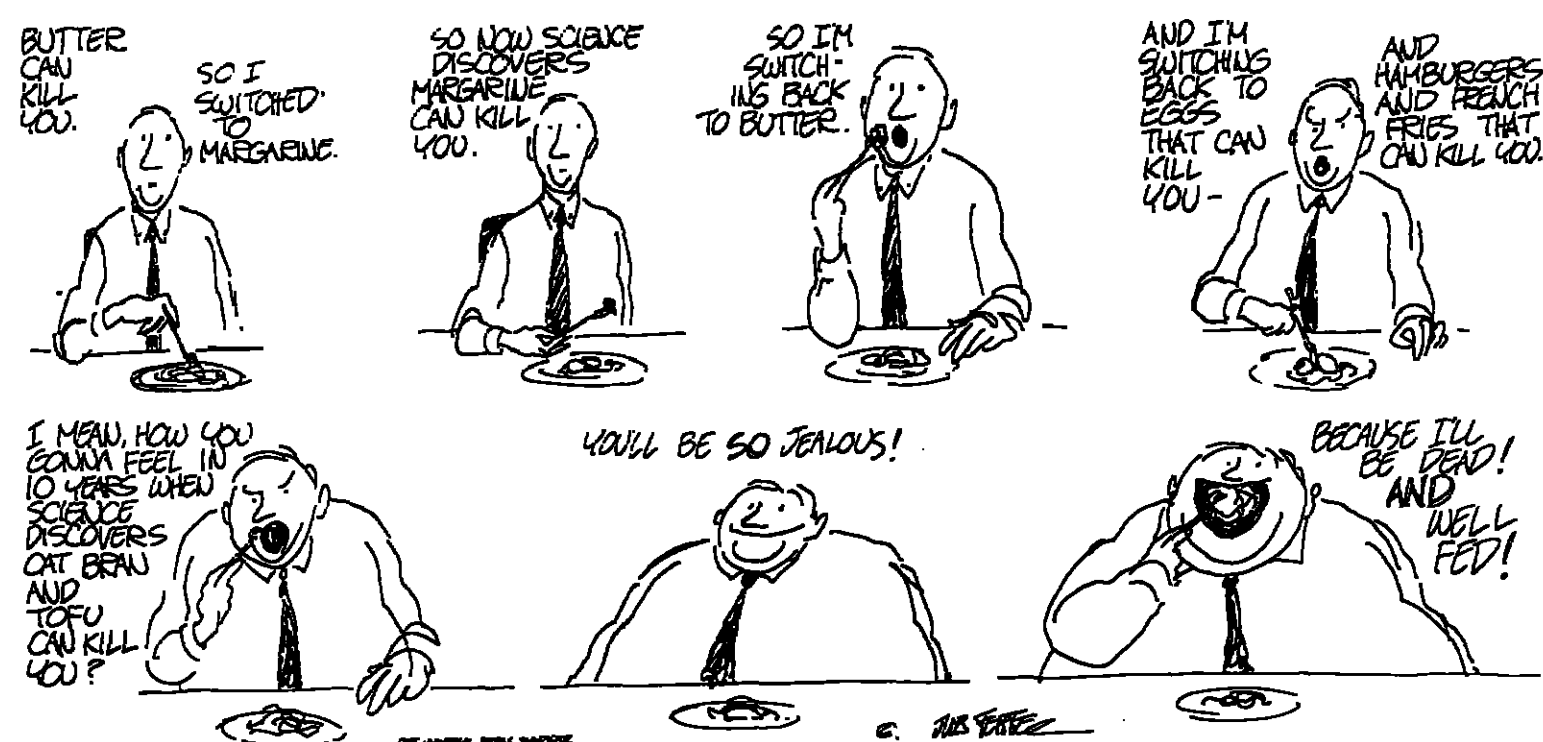
While media reports have noted that Watergate brought words like "cover-up" and "stonewalling" into the lexicon, they didn't mention that Nixon's effort to subvert Chilean democracy introduced another word into the language: "destabilization." As documented in U.S. Senate reports, Nixon administration operatives and the CIA undermined the Chilean economy, sabotaging loans and fomenting strikes. They bribed journalists in Chile to lie about Allende and incite chaos. They plotted the murder of the Chilean Army's commander because he was loyal to democracy. And they repeatedly pushed the military to stage a coup.

After three years of such destabilization, a military junta struck, dropping bombs on the presidential palace. Allende died inside. Thousands of Chilean democrats were executed.

Pardon us if we seem to be violating the rule against speaking ill of a recently deceased U.S. president. But we keep thinking of that other president, Salvador Allende, who didn't live to see the age of 81.

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The Privilege of Vilifying

New York - The principle of making sure that long repressed minorities need no longer suffer discrimination has been so established that, as can happen to good principles, it has become subject to perversion.

This comes not only in the jaw-breaking locutions of "politically correct" speech and the condescensions of "multi-cultural" aesthetics, but in the new American exaltation of the status of victim. Victimhood, even by association with bygone victims, confers a claim to the privilege of breaking the very rules against discrimination and bigotry meant to wipe it out.

It has shuffled categories in a mindless way. Minorities ain't what they used to be. In order to demonstrate compliance with civil rights laws and social standards, employers again ask questions that had been forbidden in the interest of fairness.

Thus, United States government departments and big companies list minority workers. The forms provide for nothing whether a person is black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American. Even women rank as a minority. Jews do not.

Everybody knows, but nobody seems to notice, that Jews have become honorary WASPS, the out-of-fashion acronym for White Anglo-Saxon Protestants presumed to be the dominating majority. I pointed this out to an editor who snorted. "There was never any affirmative action for Jews."

That is true. There wasn't any affirmative action for anybody until a little over a generation ago. But there were

quotas, quotas not intended to assure opportunity but to set a limit beyond which there was exclusion. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, all the "best" schools had them. And there were bans, clubs and companies that wouldn't take Jews as they wouldn't take blacks and women.

This has been overcome. But it hasn't ended Jew-baiting, just changed who presumes the right to indulge in it. It is a peculiar, and ugly, social evolution. The most notorious example is the vicious ranting of Khalid Abdul Mohamad who speaks to college audiences for the Nation of Islam. The worst is not just his open incitement to hate and violence, but the enthusiastic cheers and applause he elicits from large black audiences.

He has made himself a celebrity in this way, sought after and well-paid. The Canadian government recently denied his entry to the country for speaking engagements at the University of Toronto on the grounds that he could be expected to violate Canadian laws against hate-crime. That is his stock in trade.

His success reflects, however, a much more widespread degradation in the relations between American black and Jewish communities, which used to co-operate in the fight against discrimination. That is a serious loss for the comity of American society.

There are more subtle perversions in the practice of who qualifies for the compensating benefits of victimhood, thereby establishing that employers are observing anti-discrimination rules. People

can't be compelled to answer the questionnaires, so the forms instruct the personnel officer to go by "visual evidence" if they refuse to say.

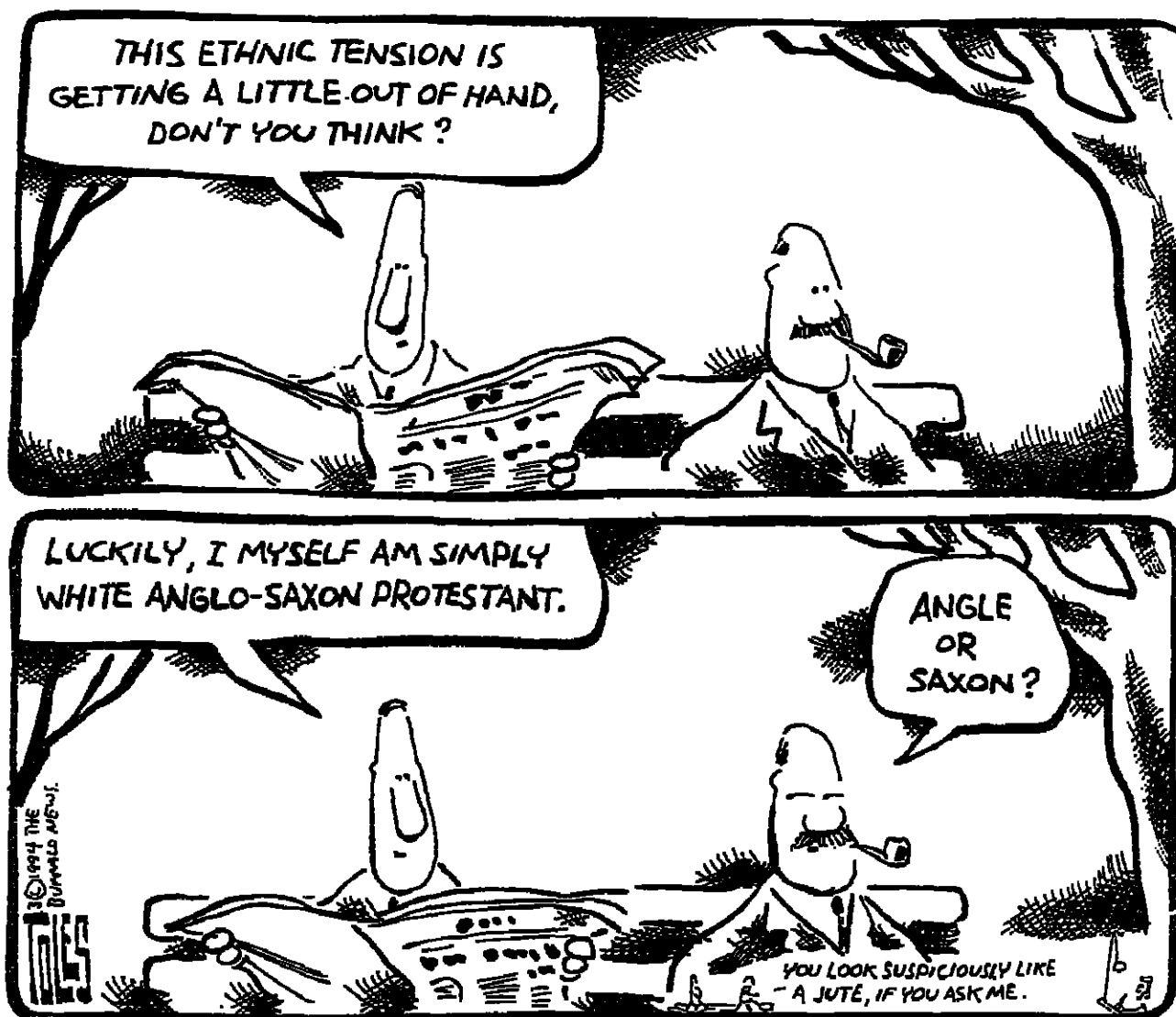
Of course, there are borderline cases, people of mixed origin, people who do not choose to be categorized. When that happens, I was told by representatives both of the government and a big private company, that the rule of thumb was to take the person's word for their own status.

But it only works in one direction, self-promotion out of the minority into the vague ostensible majority. I happen to know because my son provided an example of the barrier against going the other way. Because he was born in Mexico and anyway chafed at the questionnaire, he mischievously put down Mexican-American when he had to fill out a form.

He was severely reprimanded and punished for quite a long time by his employer. His idea of wit, he was told, risked undermining the whole reporting system and showed irresponsibility.

It is a strength of America that people can be proud of their diverse ancestry and of being American at the same time. Half a century after the U.S. refused to admit more than a small number of European Jews to save them from the Holocaust, it is a credit that those who live here have now become so fully accepted. But there is a new kind of shame in the habit of making victimhood something to boast about with the privilege of vilifying.

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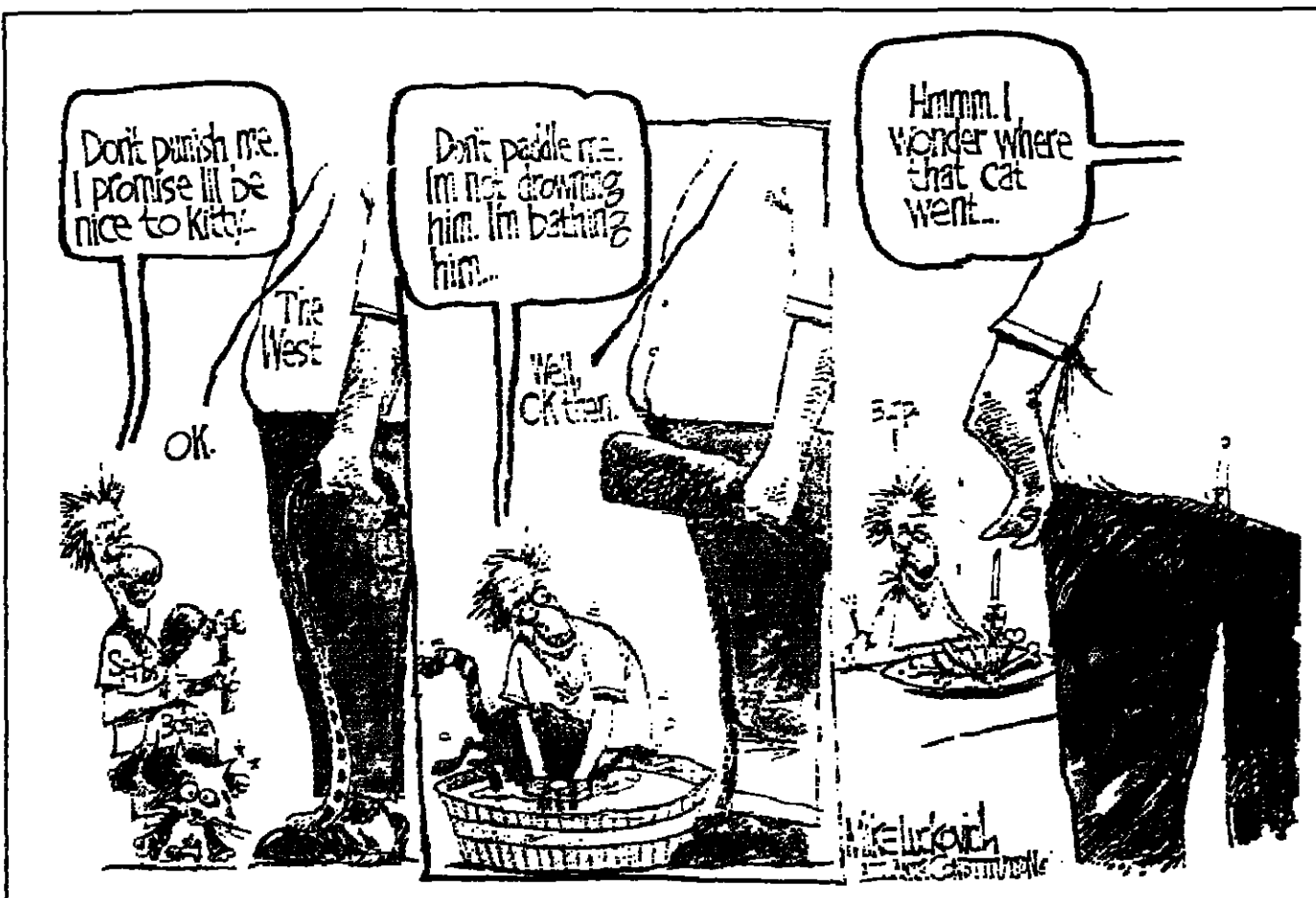
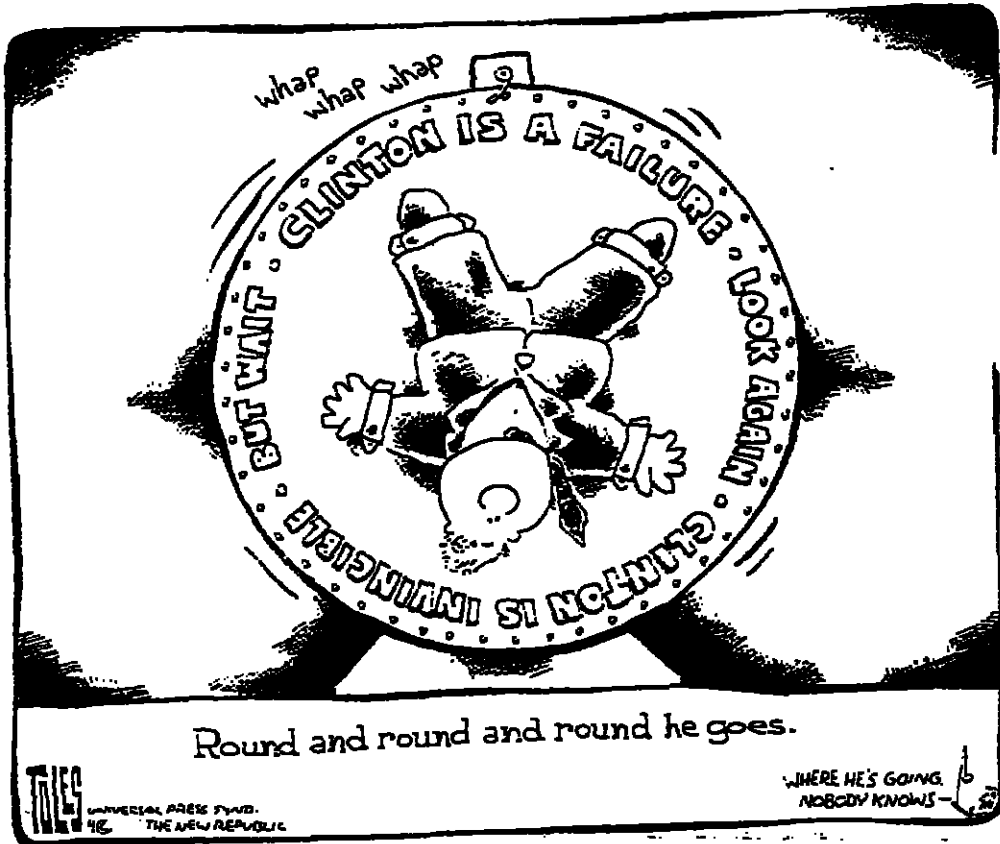
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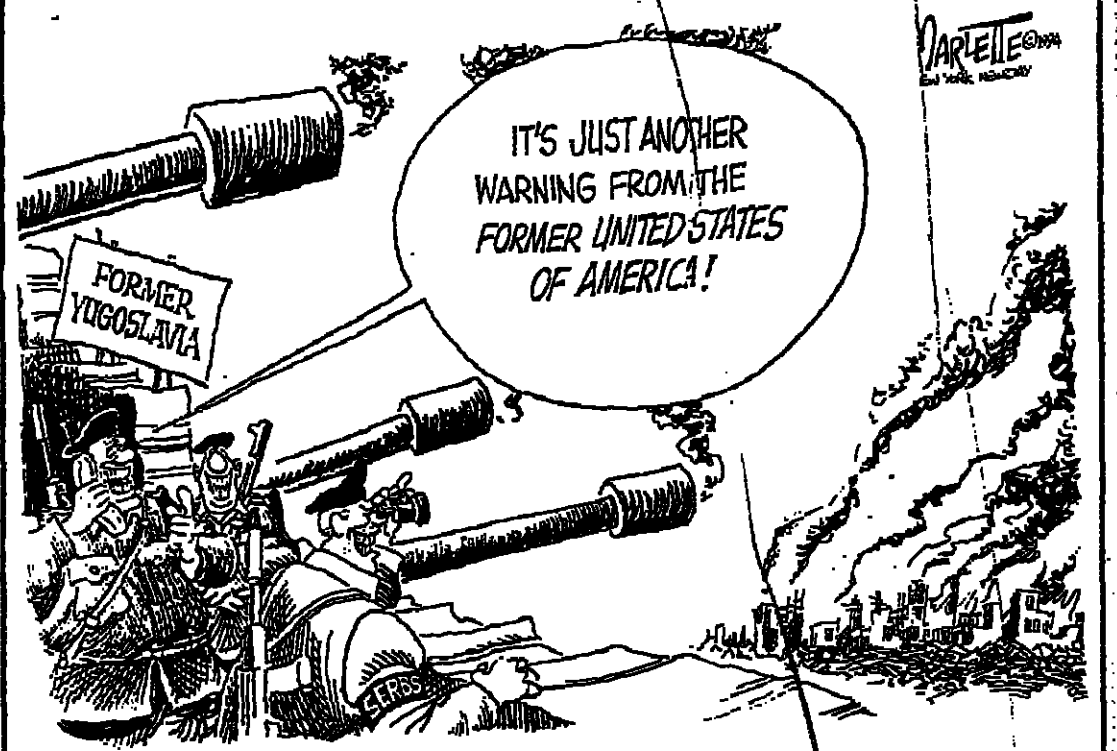
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David Nyhan



Now It's Foreign Policy, Stupid

Like a lot of us liberals, Bill Clinton envisions government as the force encouraging the good things: health, education, sharing the wealth.

But history has convinced conservatives that the real reason for government is to ward off the bad things: foreign invaders, domestic criminals, famine or flood — to the extent they can be controlled.

After a dozen years of Reaganbush, 43 percent of us (Clinton's vote after deducting Bush and Perot) wanted more oomph here at home and less abroad. By and large, we got it. But the abroad part is coming back to haunt us.

And, though it pains me to say it, my president's competence seems to end at the waterline. Other than a plaintive wish — can't we all be friends? — there is not much you can say for Clintonian foreign policy.

His chief right arm — Warren Christopher and the State Department Wafflettes — seem to be rubbery. The armed forces seem to have lost their knack for pulling off high-tech feats of military legerdemain. We lost 18 men in an ill-advised helicopter assault going after a Somali ganglord and 25 men in the regrettable friendly fire shootdown over Iraq. A U.S. Navy vessel was ordered to turn tail and flee a political riot in Haiti. The Serbs? Don't ask.

The Clinton time sheet over at the Pentagon is a desultory list of arguments no one relished: gays-in-the-military. Tailhook and the will-he-or-won't-he-keep-his-two-stars congressional spat over an admiral's retirement. The he's-in-he's-out tenure of former Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the unstoppable, long-running, perennial procurement scandals, the

painful layoffs of thousands of defense workers and military personnel. A real dog's breakfast, right?

The usual excuses — we're new here, the problems were worse than we anticipated, we're having a hard time filling jobs, our side's been out of power so long we don't have much bench strength — evaporate now that Clinton's through one-third of his four-year term.

The improvement in the economy, and the growing momentum for passage of a health care bill we would not have had except for Clinton & Clinton are both mighty welcome developments. But they do not excuse the pathetic performance in foreign policy.

A certain amount of schizophrenia is built into the job of being president. It was merely luck of the draw that found Clinton whizzing around a race track in a vintage Mustang as the day's satellite feed showed horrors aplenty abroad.

And a long-standing promise of an interview on MTV boxed in Laid-back Bill. Boxers or briefs, Mr. Prez? Briefs, as it turns out, mumbled the leader of the free world, as the Serbs betrayed everyone yet again and resumed shelling Gorazde. President Grin-and-bear-it has waded through Whitewater and come out the other side, wet, muddy, but otherwise unscathed. Is it too much to ask that he get back to the heavy-lifting part of the job? Running the country? Ring a bell, Bill?

No one doubts the problems are fiendishly difficult. After the Somali invasion, and the subsequent debacle, who wants to march in and save Rwandans from slaughtering each other? But there are some situa-

tions that are just too dangerous to leave uncontained. Bosnia is certainly one.

The 2-year-old Bosnian war is a foot fire that has swept up Europe's front porch. There's no ignoring the smoke, the flames, the refugee stream, the cries of the mangled and maimed, the rebuke of silent corpses. The United Nations, NATO, the world powers, the peace-keeping force, all have been mocked and sulked by the Serbs. These fanatics rage across the landscape in the manner of a savage wolfpack, terrifying the peasantry with bloodlust on a scale we thought we'd interred with the Nazis.

What can we do? First, send no troops, not our war. Second, don't be sucked into approving more air strikes to Boutros-Ghali's ever-lengthening list of U.N. approved targets. Third, lift the arms embargo that prevents Bosnian Muslims from counting Serb firepower. There's plenty of Muslim fighters available; let them fight their fight with our heavy artillery and tanks.

True, the British and French, with 7,000-plus peacekeepers on the ground between them, don't want to arm the Muslim. So Clinton has to muse the Brits and the French their way has not worked.

Finally, we can try to take advantage of the sudden souring of relations between Moscow and the Serb leadership. Boris Yeltsin and his crew want an international summit. The opposition's cries of weakness and ineptitude assail Yeltsin here as they do Clinton here. No one knows what to do with these mad dog Serbs. Arming the Bosnian Muslims seems the best option in difference.

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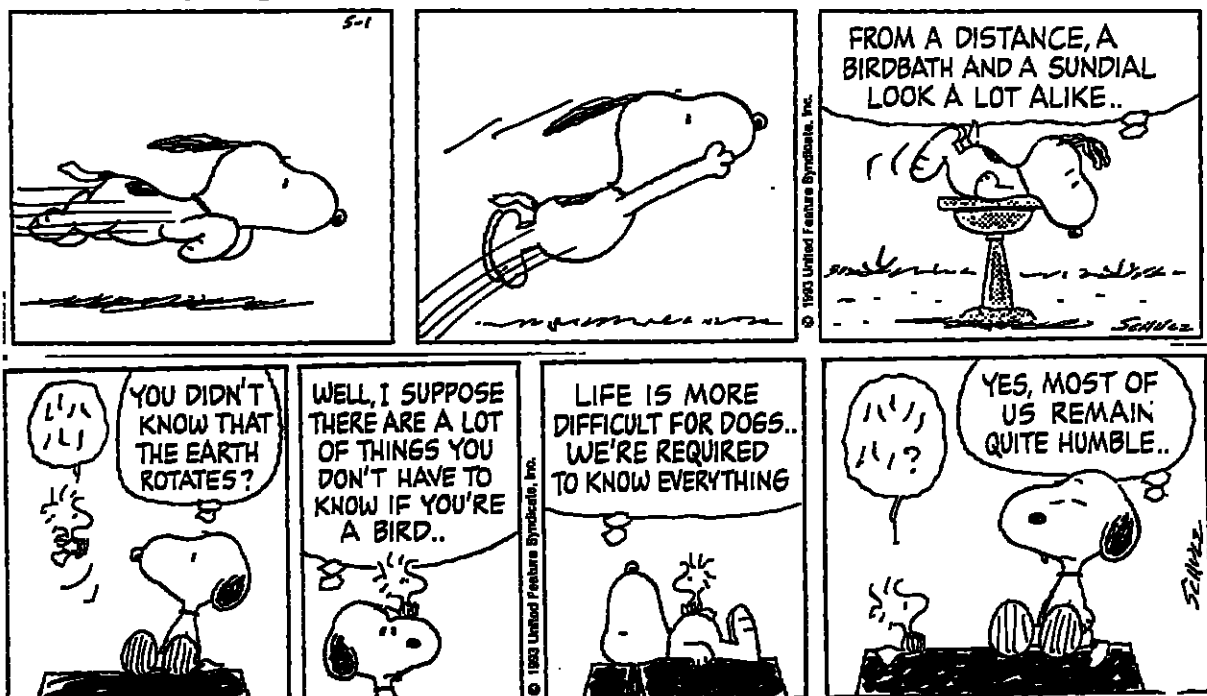
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The Propaganda Model: An Interview With Noam Chomsky

by Joe Nickell

Noam Chomsky is known throughout the world for his radical progressive politics and controversial analysis of our media culture. He bases much of his thought on what he calls the "propaganda model," which, simply stated, argues that the various mass media exist to indoctrinate individuals into the "necessary illusions" — politically convenient rationalizations — created by the powerful business and government elite.

During Chomsky's recent visit to Bloomington, Indiana, Joe Nickell and Bart Everson interviewed Chomsky for Bloomington Community Access Television. The following is an excerpt from that interview.

Interviewer: I'm interested in your theory of the propaganda model. Could you explain what that is?

Chomsky: The model was more or less constructed by my colleague, Edward Herman, who is an economist at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. It's simply an institutional analysis of the media. It says look, we want to understand how some institution functions so we look at where it is and where it fits into society...

Roughly speaking, you can break the media down into basically two types: first there are what's called the 'agenda-setting' media, the ones who set the framework that others adhere to.

They're the ones with the big resources and big outreach an so on. These are institutions like the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, all the big newsweeklies like *Time* and *Newsweek*, and the big television channels.

These are the ones who set the tone of the day's news... The agenda setting media are aimed at the de-

cision-making sectors, the educated sectors, the corporate-political class. They also set the framework that the rest of the media more or less have to adhere to.

Then there's the general media, the local newspapers and television stations. These have somewhat different characteristics. The general media, much of what they do is sort of diversion. They keep people out trouble by paying attention to things that don't matter. Like... Nancy Kerrigan and basketball and so on.

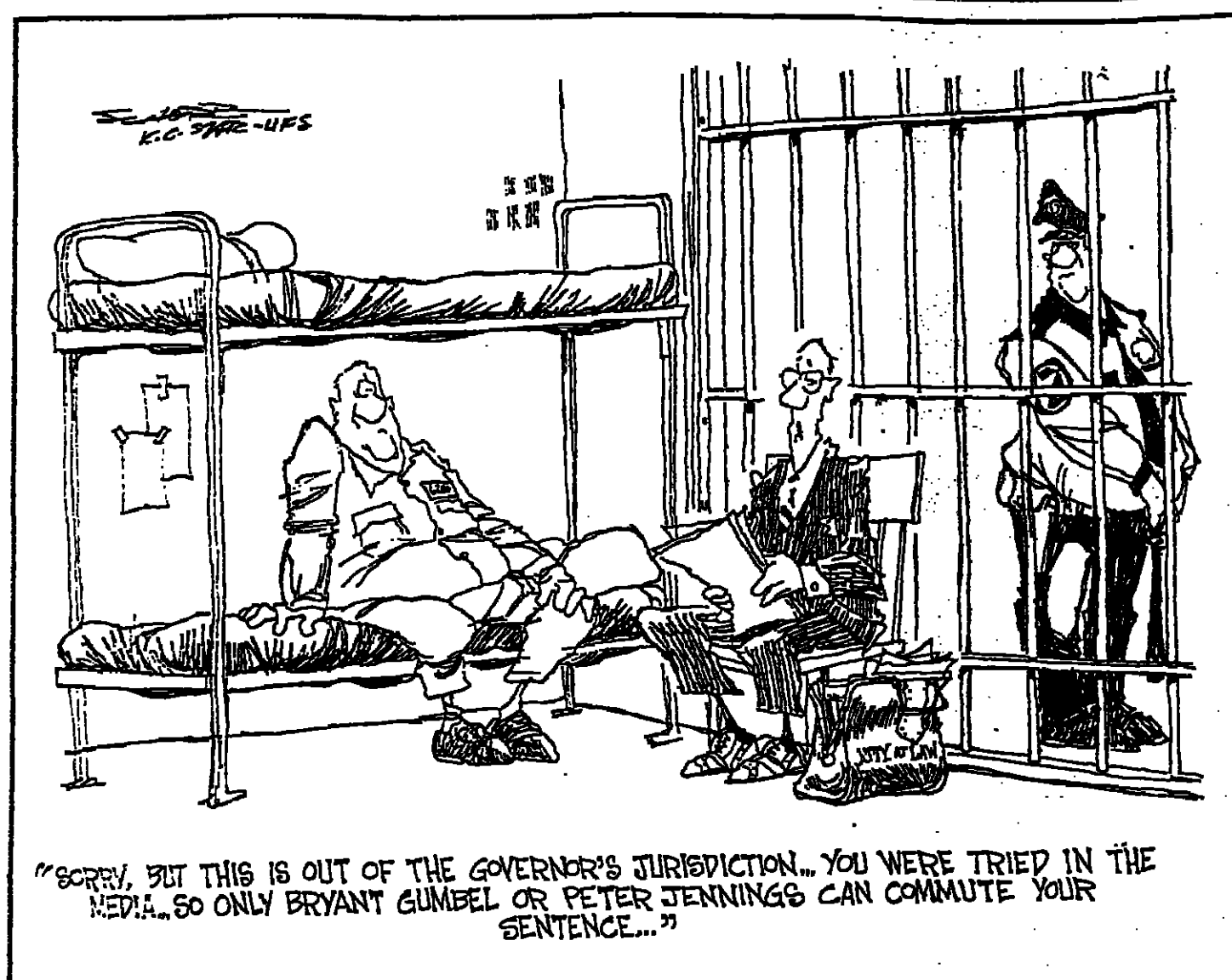
So the local newspaper doesn't have reporters around the world, and I can know without looking at it that it's going to pick up its decisions as to what's the story of the day by what came across the AP wires. So the agenda-setting media set the framework for the general media to operate in, and the rest is just diversionary.

The product is audiences. And, in the case of agenda-setters, we're talking about very privileged audiences, by and large... So when you look at a sit-com, for example, CBS is not selling the sit-com to viewers; nor are they selling the sit-com to advertisers. They are selling the viewers to advertisers.

So a simple truism: the agenda-setting media are big corporations selling privileged audiences to other big businesses.

I: What picture of the world or interpretation of the world would you expect to come out of this system?

Chomsky: Well, obviously it would be one that responds to the interests and concerns of the sellers and buyers... So the propaganda model simple suggests the truism that the media product should be



expected to reflect its institutional nature; that is, it should be expected to reflect the interests and concerns of big business — which is, of course, intimately linked with big business. Now, you know, this doesn't mean that every line of text that they print will conform to these interests, but the general framing of events and interpretation and point of view and perspective and terminology and so on would overwhelmingly reflect those interests.

I: So when you see, for example, a copy of a free paper like *The Bloomington Voice* and it's all advertiser-supported...

Chomsky: What people have to realize is that they're being sold. They're being sold to advertisers. But there are a couple of interests being served. One obvious interest for the paper and its advertisers is to make money. They want to make sure that the audience is subordinated to their interests and needs. So there is a straight propaganda function.

That applies to all media: it's not a big secret. I mean,

the public relations industry in this country spends millions of dollars a year on straight propaganda. In their own words, they want to control the public mind, because the public mind is a potential threat to private power...

In fact, if people enter those institutions with different interests, they're likely to be weeded out, to be marginalized. Of course, they're not gonna be sent to a Gulag; this is a not a totalitarian state. But there are other forms of social control that keep them on the outside. They may get their alternative cable station or they might get to write for some small journal or give talks, but there are tremendous pressures to keep things within an extremely narrow framework.

And that makes perfect sense. After all, why would big business want people to understand these things beyond a certain scope? I mean, you don't have to be abstract about it; let's look at a current issue. In today's newspapers, there's a big thing about welfare reform. Well, how do we frame the

dialogue on welfare reform? We talk about how it's a big problem, there's the deficit, we're giving too much money to mothers with dependent children, etcetera.

But there's another whole welfare system that nobody ever talks about, and that's the fiscal measures which essentially you give tax deductions for certain expenditures. Home mortgage loans, business expenses like taking your colleagues out to lunch, charitable expenditures, there's a whole mess of these things. By fiscal measures, these things reduce your taxes. If a guy doesn't pay a hundred dollars in taxes, that's the exact same as if you make him pay all his taxes and then give him a hundred dollars back. So there's a huge welfare state, sometimes called the 'hidden welfare state,' that goes overwhelmingly to the wealthy. Things like home mortgage loans and so on, the vast majority go to people in the over-\$50,000 income bracket.

Nobody's talking about reforming that welfare state. And it's important for people not to think about that. What we have to think about is the impoverished mother with dependent children who is taking advantage of the system; you're supposed to be thinking about the wealthy executive who's ripping you off in another direction. It's the same kind of thing, but the welfare state for the rich is much more extensive. Why would the big corporations, the ones who control the media, why would they want people to question the welfare state of the rich?

A similar analysis can be applied to the health issue. I mean, there are two very striking properties of all the plans that are being considered. One is, that the plans vest authority in the hands of big insurance companies. The other factor which very few people talk about is that the new health care plan is radically regressive.

I: Which means?

Chomsky: Which means that if you're the Chairman of the Board of General Motors, you and the secretary and the janitor all pay the exact same amount of money for health care.

That's unheard of; it's as if everybody paid the same amount in taxes. It's unheard of in civilized societies.

In fact, it's even worse than that. When you put people into health alliances and they do the bargaining, it's gonna turn out that if you're living in, say, Harlem, the insurance companies are going to demand higher rates from the people in Harlem than from the people in, say, Westchester County, who are better off, have better preventative care, better nutrition, etcetera.

So it's going to turn out that poor people are going to pay more than the rich, not just in terms of a percentage of their income, but in straight dollar figures.

As a tax system, that would be outlandish. But try to find a single word about it in the big media. It's the same sort of story; you don't want people to think about the things that matter to them. And there a couple of ways of making that happen. One way is you tell them morality-plays about figure skating or get them to watch the Super Bowl — divert them, in other words. The other way is to shape the discussion and presentation of issues so that people just don't see the problems, the things that will affect them.

I: What would you say to someone who argued that the Nancy Kerrigan issue, for example, is what the reader wants, and we're just giving the reader what they want?

Chomsky: Then you would have to believe that people don't care if they're living in poverty and they don't have food for their children and their kids won't have a school to go to and so on... People care a lot about that. If you look at polls, they care a tremendous amount about it. But they don't feel like there's anything they can do, they feel at a loss and frustrated. So they watch the morality plays, which are easier and which the press can cover, without fear of angering anyone.

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Mike Royko

Whitewater Almost Too Far Out There

You probably don't realize it, but most of us live in a place called "Out There."

The land of Out There is huge. It sprawls from the warm tip of Florida to the frigid Canadian border, and from New York to Los Angeles.

In fact, it includes everything in this country except Washington, D.C., and the surrounding suburbs where the politicians, federal bureaucrats and news people make their homes.

This much tinier community of Washington is known as "Here."

I've become aware of this geographic distinction by watching the various Washington-based TV shows that feature big-time news pundits who discuss the great issues of the day.

On most of these shows, one of the pundits will say, "Is this something that they care about out there or is it something that only we care about here?"

The idea is that if the people who live Out There don't care, then the issue might be less important than those who live Here realize.

An example is the Whitewater affair, which has just about everybody of importance in Washington in a tizzy.

But when Whitewater is discussed on TV, the question is still asked: Does anyone Out There really care?

As a lifelong resident of Out There, I think I can answer that question: Yes, no, maybe and who knows?

Most of us who live here, which means Out There don't understand what it is all about. We are waiting for those who live Here to explain it to us.

But that's a problem because those who live Here, which means there, don't seem to understand it too well, either.

As far as I can tell, there is a suspicion that back in their Arkansas days, the Clintons did something unethical and now they are trying to cover it up.



But what they did isn't clear, except that they invested in a bum real estate deal in Arkansas with a banker friend who turned out to be wild and crazy with other people's money. He is no longer the Clinton's friend and has become kind of a seedy local kook. That's life in the fast lane.

There are also questions about lawyer Hillary serving on boards of big corporations that gave money to her husband's political campaigns, handling legal matters that put her on both sides

of the fence and maybe fudging on income tax.

So how do most of us Out There, which means just about everywhere, feel about this?

Well, in Chicago, which is part of Out There, most people were less concerned with this issue than they were over the question of whether Michael Jordan should keep trying to hit a baseball, or come back and rescue the Bulls from total collapse.

They are also concerned about their schools, children, cars, paychecks and mortgage payments; cholesterol level, sodium intake and pains in their joints, chest, and sinuses; the arrogant bully who is their boss and whether they should splurge on a new set of heel-toe weighted irons.

It's not that they are indifferent to the great issues of the day that send the McGuffy Group into a tizzy. But most people lead normal lives, which means that they don't hang on every word uttered at every Washington press conference. While C-SPAN has a devoted following, it can't compete with Oprah or even Geraldo.

Then there is the shock factor. And so far Whitewater doesn't have it. Most people Out There know that Clinton is a lawyer and has spent most of his adult life in politics. Hillary was a big-time corporate lawyer and political wife in Arkansas.

Is anyone going to gasp and collapse at the thought that a pair of successful lawyer-politicians might have engaged in practices that were — eck — unethical? Of course not. It is assumed that politicians and lawyers are capable of being unethical, or why would they embarrass themselves and their loved ones by taking up these trades?

If anyone ran for office by saying, "I have never done anything unethical, dishonest, or fibbed in my whole life, and I never will, honest to goodness, cross my heart and hope to die," he would immediately be branded a shameless liar and a fraud and would suffer a crushing defeat.

No, most of us who live Out There have become almost shockproof. A new serial killer has trouble crashing the front page, so who gets bug-eyed about the details of a failed real estate development on an Arkansas trout stream?

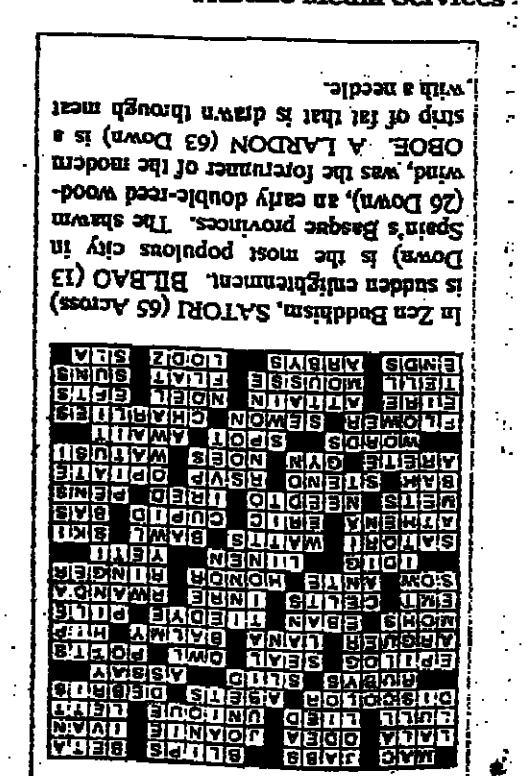
During his campaign, it came out that Clinton had been a draft-dodger and quite possibly was a chronic bed-hopper. That was so shocking that he was elected President of the United States.

Since the election, his old Arkansas bodyguards have told lurid stories of Clinton sneaking out of the governor's mansion for late-night hanky-panky in, among other places, school parking lots.

And that was met by a national yawn. So why should anyone expect the great population Out There to be excited over murky ethical, legal and financial questions that most lawyers and CPAs would have trouble understanding?

I've said it before and I'll say it again: What Washington needs is its own baseball team. It would give the McGuffy Group something to think about.

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When haredi supremacy first clashed with modernity

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

UTTERANCES of some haredi rabbis treating non-Orthodox Jews as outcasts are nothing new.

Prof. Ya'acov Katz of the Hebrew University recalls the controversies that shocked Jewish communities in Central Europe after liberalism began changing the age-honored tradition of Jewish religious autonomy. His studies are published in *Mahalachah Be-meitzar* (Halacha in Straits, Magnes Press, Jerusalem, 290 pages.)

For centuries, Katz reminds us, the religious establishment in Jewish communities ruled with total supremacy over the minds and behavior of their members. The community leaders could impose conservative standards of behavior by exercising force or ostracism.

But towards the end of the 18th century, newfangled ideas put the authority of local religious chiefs

in doubt. The Orthodoxy, seeing itself relegated to minor status, fought back, says Katz.

Rabbi Raphael Cohen, of Altona, realized some time around 1870 that he was not free to punish a member of his congregation for failing to observe the law. Cohen was very particular about the written precepts of behavior. A native of Lithuania, he showed little empathy with his German-born wards who had adopted the customs of the land.

The rabbi wanted all his married male parishioners to grow a beard at least half-a-thumb long. He violently criticized Moses Mendelssohn for translating the Bible into literary German. Mendelssohn, moreover, argued that Judaism did not impose its teachings on its followers. Cohen thought differently.

The matters came to a head when Samuel Markus, a member of the Hamburg Stock Exchange,

refused to obey Cohen's rulings.

The Cohen-Markus rift actually began long before, when Markus turned to a civil court to establish his inheritance rights. Instead of appealing to the Altona religious council. Moreover, Markus enraged his rabbi by publicly supporting a young man, a *kohen* whom the rabbi refused to marry to a pregnant girl. Rising in the synagogue, Markus claimed that "the Torah has been placed in the wrong hands." The rabbi excommunicated him.

Markus was willing to follow all the restrictions imposed by the rabbi, except one: he could not appear unshaven in the stock exchange. Pulling his strings, Markus sponsored the publication of a book which described his plight.

and saw to it that the book was read at the Royal Danish court, in whose domain Altona then was. Royal intervention followed, and Cohen was told not to importune his parishioner.

An era in Jewish history had ended.

Some 25 years later the Hamburg Jewish community was in trouble: a man named Mendel Joseph Heller refused to circumcise his infant son. He argued that circumcision was a religious act, and therefore was a matter of conscience.

But the authorities insisted that a man was bound to adhere to some religious set, be it Christian or Jewish.

Heller had his son baptized. The issue did not remain dor-

mant, however. Some 40 years later, in Frankfurt, a parent who prevented his son's circumcision demanded the boy be registered as a Jew.

The local rabbinate asked for the opinion of a number of noted German and Hungarian scholars. At least some of the responses urged an appeal to the lay authorities for permission to impose circumcision "even by corporal means."

But the times were changing. Even such an ultra-conservative personality as Moshe Schreiber, better known as Hatam Sofer (the title of one of his best-known books), resignedly declared: "I obey the king's dictum," realizing that the authorities would not tolerate the drastic measures the rab-

bi wished to apply to recalcitrant members. Schreiber used to assert that "hadash *asur min halava*" — the ban on any novelty is sanctioned by the Bible.

An air of tolerance was now spreading. The Hungarian minister of education encouraged Jewish reformers to adopt the mores of the Gentiles. He helped to establish a National Union of Rabbis, whose trend was likely to be liberal.

Paradoxically, notes Katz, "the liberal principle led to the scrapping of the project," for the Orthodox minority refused to bow to the liberal-minded majority. In their appeal to Parliament the Orthodox argued they were "the true Jews" and had a right to a separate organization, independent of the "neologues."

The ultra-Orthodox tended to treat other Jews as reprobates, "living beyond the pale." They were willing to tolerate individuals

who did not strictly observe the rules of religious code. But when the "secular" Jews banded in reformist groups enouncing a liberal ideology, the Orthodox became more entrenched in themselves. There was a danger of schism, though the controversy never went so far.

What irks Katz is that the leaders of Orthodoxy today fail to try and prove their stand by discussion — the Jewish way religious tenets had been traditionally deliberated.

Instead, "those claiming adherence to Halacha absolved themselves from the need to prove their theses."

This development is fairly recent: it took shape, according to Katz, in Poland between the two world wars.

The conflicts described by Katz took place 100-200 years ago. Nobody until recently believed they were still ablaze.

Orthodox broadcaster: Fresh air on airwaves

America's only all-Jewish station is celebrating its first birthday. Sue Fishkoff talks to its founder and star in New York

WHEN Talkline host Zev Brenner interviewed then-governor Bill Clinton two years ago for his New York-based television show, Brenner's kippa was clearly visible on the air.

Not unusual in Israel, perhaps. But it's a clear statement in the US, Brenner says.

"If I'm interviewing Clinton and I'm wearing a yarmulke, I think viewers take more notice," he says.

That's part of the message the 35-year-old Brenner has been promoting for more than a dozen years, on radio and TV in the New York area, and most recently with the tiny, 500-watt radio station he acquired last May in Monsey, New York, an Orthodox enclave an hour's drive north of Manhattan.

WLIR-AM is "all Jewish, all the time," the first American radio station in recent decades to broadcast Jewish-oriented shows 24 hours a day, seven days a week — except Shabbat and Jewish holidays, of course.

Several other attempts at all-Jewish radio stations have flourished and then disappeared in recent decades. A lone hold-out is WEVD-FM, a Yiddish-language station founded 65 years ago as America's first all-Jewish radio, but the station now only broadcasts five hours a day of Yiddish programming and Israeli pop music.

It's the fulfillment of a dream for Brenner, a Brooklyn yeshiva boy and former optician who co-hosted his first weekly radio show, *Talkline*, in 1981.

Building on the success of that

program, which he took over as sole host in 1988, Brenner is today head of Talkline Communications Network, which he describes as America's leading Jewish television-and-radio conglomerate.

Brenner purchased WLIR in May 1993, converting it to round-the-clock Jewish programming, including news from Israel, Jewish entertainment, kosher cooking tips, advice segments, Jewish comedy and religious shows.

Celebrity shows range from Shlomo Carlebach's *The Singing Rabbi* to the Toronto-based Rabbi Reuven Poupko's *Tora-Therapy Hour*.

Brenner aimed his station at New York's Jewish population, a group he claims is underserved by the media, despite the large number of Jews who work in the field. "The truth is, I envied the Hispanic, African-American and other ethnic communities that have their own radio programs," he says.

Various Jewish groups buy air time on the station in a process called "time brokering." At present, politically and religiously conservative shows dominate his air waves. The right-leaning tilt fits Brenner's own outlook, but not his wishes for the station.

"We don't have many dovish groups on the air," he admits. "I don't know whether it's finances, or just that the Right may be better organized. That's true all across the religious world; the Orthodox are more adept at using media technology. It's the same in politics."

For example, beginning the last week in April, top Likud figures

would brief Brenner's audience once a month on Saturday nights on the current situation in Israel. Likud came to him with the request, Brenner says.

Currently, WLIR's signal can only be picked up in Bergen, Rockland and Westchester counties, north of New York City, but it's broadcast around the world, including Israel, by satellite uplink. And Brenner's popular *Talkline* radio call-in show, which he still hosts, is picked up in 45 states.

Talkline's television edition is carried on cable TV throughout North America.

Talkline and the other WLIR shows have a mixed audience, with large numbers of both Orthodox Jews and evangelical Christians. Brenner says he does not dilute his programming to fit preconceived notions of what Christian listeners want. Some Jewish listeners, however, are more demanding. When Brenner had then-education minister Shulamit Aloni as a *Talkline* guest, several Orthodox listeners called in to complain that he was giving her a platform.

"I don't agree with her, but it's important to keep open the lines of communication," Brenner says.

In contrast to some of the tamer Jewish programs that buy airtime on WLIR, Brenner's Saturday night, two-hour live call-in *Talk-*

line show tackles tough issues and often features highly controversial personalities. One of his most notorious shows more than five years ago featured the late Rabbi Meir Kahane debating Arab-American spokesman Mohammad Mehdi. Although the pair were, not surprisingly, highly argumentative on the air, Brenner claims they hugged afterwards. And after Kahane was assassinated, Brenner aired Mehdi's special prayer for the dead Jewish leader's soul.

Improving black-Jewish relations is one of Brenner's pet concerns. He has hosted the fiery Black Brooklyn preacher, the Rev. Al Sharpton, and has invited Sharpton to debate Jewish activist Rabbi Avi Weiss in the coming weeks.

Brenner sees his role on the show as "moderator," but he is quite present in his interviews, often inserting his own opinion to either encourage or goad a guest. During the Sharpton interview, he asked the preacher point-blank whether he was antisemitic.

"He said no, so I read him back some of his quotes," Brenner recalls.

Later in May or June, Orthodox writer Blu Greenberg will discuss the possibility of Orthodox women rabbis. Jesse Jackson should appear to talk about his recent trip to Israel, and Brenner also hopes to schedule a discussion between a

group of Orthodox rabbis and Orthodox homosexuals.

Almost any controversial figure is welcome on *Talkline*. Brenner says he would even consider booking Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, often castigated for his anti-white sentiments.

"But I draw the line at Holocaust revisionists, Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan," he says. "I have nothing to say to a Nazi and I wouldn't give him my airtime."

Brenner enjoys harnessing the media's power to do good, pointing out a recent segment that publicized the search for a bone marrow transplant for Jay Feinberg of New Jersey.

Some listeners, he claims, have found their way back to Judaism by listening to his show. He recalls when a middle-aged man called him from, of all places, Palestine, Texas.

"He said he hadn't been in a synagogue for 40 years, but when he saw me on the air wearing a yarmulke, he identified again with the Jewish people," Brenner says, smiling.

Brenner plans to expand his programming to Los Angeles and Florida, and is considering launching an all-English radio station in Israel, as well as an all-Jewish television station in the US. Big dreams, but not unlikely for this fast-rising Jewish broadcasting star.



'Talkline' host Zev Brenner gets a quotable response from Prime Minister Rabin. (R. Pergament)

Hints on playing 'mom' to a kitten

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THIS is the time of year when an amazing number of people find themselves doing something they swore they would not do, or would never do again: trying to raise a motherless kitten that is less than five weeks old.

This is the time of year when large numbers of kittens are born, and consequently the season when these tiny bundles of misery somehow end up homeless, orphaned and all too often on your doorstep.

Unfortunately, not everyone has access to an animal shelter where they can take the kittens, and few of us have the heart to just let them die of neglect.

Raising a motherless kitten during its first few weeks of life is not an easy job, but if you are committed to it, there are a few things you should know to make things easier. If the kitten is younger than about four weeks, it will need to be fed from a bottle.

For this a doll's bottle from a toy shop is ideal. Since a cat's milk is somewhat different from cow's milk, it is best to use powdered milk, such as *Materna*. Follow preparation instructions, but with about 5 to 7 percent less water. Feed it every few hours or whenever it seems hungry. Be sure the milk is at body temperature, and that the hole in the nipple is not too large.

The sooner a kitten starts to eat solid food, the better, even though it will still enjoy the bottle, especially before going to sleep. At four weeks it will happily lick white, 9 percent cheese from your finger, and once it gets the taste, will lick it from a small dish.

At this age you can also start to give the kitten a small amount of finely chopped, raw ground meat or fish. Be sure it is at room temperature.

By five weeks a kitten also enjoys cat kibble soaked in a bit of milk until it becomes a paste. It will have far fewer stomach problems once it is eating solid food.

Feed it several times a day and keep the portions small. As it grows older, it will need less frequent feeding.

Kittens also need vitamins and calcium to prevent rickets. If they are getting plenty of milk and white cheese their calcium need will be met, but from as early as possible they should get every drop of vitamin A plus D every day. This should be continued until they are at least 12 weeks old.

Toilet training young kittens isn't much of a problem, but remember that very young kittens may need stimulation in order to excrete feces or urine.

Take a damp cloth, sponge or cotton ball and gently wash the area under the tail. If you do this, and then place the kitten in its litter box when it starts to defecate or urinate, it will get the idea right off in most cases.

No matter what you do, however, don't forget that a cat is the best mother for a kitten, and thoughhand-raised kittens are very attached to their human foster mother they are inclined to be nudniks and sometimes have a habit of sucking on cloth, especially woolen articles. This can sometimes damage precious possessions, but I do not know of any cure for it. It is caused by being deprived of enough chance to suckle when young.

In some rare cases they are also slow to learn to keep themselves clean. At first you should replace the mother's grooming by using a damp cloth to wash and groom them. Usually they will get the idea by about 6 to 8 weeks and start to wash themselves.

In rare cases, hand-raised kittens just don't learn to use the litter box either and are obliged to become outdoor cats. But in most cases their instinct for cleanliness prevails.

You won't always succeed with this difficult task, but if you do, you'll feel as though you've accomplished a miracle.

Shall we say Sunday? No? Tuesday, then? Friday?

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

THIS crack didn't wait till doomsday, but appeared right on the first day of winter when a pipe burst in the wall of my room and a brownish stain started spreading across it. I gave the pipe two days to mend its own crack, and when it didn't I turned to Stucks, our plumber.

Stucks lives at the other end of town and is hard to get anyway. I nevertheless caught him in the middle of the game, and, being in a good mood on account of the 2-1 score at half-time, he promised to come if I'd pick him up in my car before he started for work in the morning. He starts for work at six. I asked him why before; didn't the work at my place count as work? Stucks said no. So I came and got him at 5:30. Stucks glanced at the spreading stain and said:

"How can I get at that pipe, mister? You got to get a builder to open up the wall first."

And he went, pointing out that now he'd lost a whole working day. I was left with my stain and my need of a builder. I don't know any builders. I asked around among friends, neighbors, colleagues, and none of them did either. In the end someone whose cousin used to be a contractor mentioned some guy named George, who is a handyman and

after work, at nine in the evening. I picked him up at nine, and George glanced at the wall and said:

"How can I open up this wall, with water squirting all over the place? You got to get me a plumber to turn off the main pipe first."

I felt myself change color. That's exactly what I'd been afraid of all along. Deep inside I had known, but tried to suppress the knowledge that, yes, they would have to be here together. Stucks couldn't get at it without George, and George would get wet without Stucks.

Like a couple of space twins they were, who have to meet on a certain date, at a certain point in space. And I would have to set up the meeting.

It's easy enough to write the words — paper will take anything. But the mere thought of arranging a Stucks-George Summit was enough to give me nightmares.

The original Gemini Meet must have been child's play by comparison. Those guys at least work according to the same time schedule, whereas my Stucks is only free mornings and my George only evenings, and East is East and West is West and....

I visited the Stucks' end of town twice and the George suburb three times to try and coordinate the twins, but in vain. I suggested they compromise between 5:30 in the morning and 9 in the evening, and meet each other halfway at 1:15 in

the morning by my wall — but they only shrugged their shoulders. Nix. Then I came up with the tentative solution of a teeny weeny sinlet: let them come on Saturday.

Stucks agreed, but George takes the kids out Saturdays, he never sees them all week. The brownish stain was sprouting tentacles, and one freezing day I burst into tears on George's doorstep. He took pity on me and produced his pocket-diary to see what could be done.

"Well," he said finally, "I see here how Shavuot falls on a Thursday, so that makes Friday sort of like a sandwich, so I guess I'll take Friday off too. How's that...?"

I kissed him and rushed over to Stucks, but he only sniffed at the sandwich and wouldn't bite. Friday? Why shouldn't he work on an ordinary Friday?

"Then what should I do, Stucks? What should I do?"

"Ask me another," said Stucks, picking his teeth. "I can only come mornings and that's... Wait, though!"

Providence had intervened at last. It so happened that next Tuesday evening Stucks was planning to go see his brother-in-law who lives at my end of town, so maybe he'd drop in on me before — say at 7:30. Life is sweet, life is beautiful! With a song in my heart I drove back to George's.

"Got it!" I shouted. "Got a plumber for you next Tuesday night!"

"Sorry," George answered. "Tuesday night I've got theater tickets."

Omigod!

"Please," I whispered, "please, couldn't you go to the theater some other time?"

"Yeah," said George, "I could, but you can't expect me to run around changing tickets..."

I wouldn't dream of it! Of course, I would go to change them — it was my wall Brownie was eating up, not his. To be brief, it wasn't quite as easy as you might think, but in the end I did manage to get George his two tickets for the night of May 26. Back to George's with the good news. This time it was his wife who opened the door — and informed me that no, the 26th wouldn't do, that was just when Grandma was bringing the kids back home. They'd been spending the week with her, you see, and...

"Couldn't they come home a day earlier?"

"Yeah," agreed Mrs. George, "if it's all right with their grandmother..."

Grandma planned a surprise party for the 25th. "It's not for me," grandma explained, "but the children will be so disappointed." And for that my house should rot to pieces? I tried pleading with Grandma. I said I was sure that what the children didn't know wouldn't hurt them, especially if I arranged a party for them when they got home...

So Grandma agreed, to the kids, the theater, Tuesday. I went to see Stucks, drunk with success.

"Got it!" I shouted wildly. "Got you a builder on Tuesday!"

"Sorry," replied Stucks. "My brother-in-law said to come Wednesday instead of Tuesday."

Stucks, would you believe it, had even tried to phone and let me know, but the line had been busy or something. It seemed the brother-in-law had forgotten how on Tuesday he had his parent-teacher's meeting. The stain had reached the ceiling.

"Yeah," said the brother-in-law. "Sure, if you can get them to move the meeting to another day, then why not?"

Everyone is so helpful, really. Eighteen parents agreed to Thursday at once, and only three made difficulties. The hardest was a Mrs. Mitwoch who had people coming Thursday night. Four of her prospective visitors agreed to switch over to Friday, but one said he had to give in his car on Friday, and two ladies had babies but no babysitters. I rented a car for the carless man, bribed my sister to babysit for one of the ladies, and killed the other and buried her in the garden.

Now the parent-teacher's meeting was due for Thursday instead of Tuesday, and the way was open for my Gemini Meet. At 7:30 we, the wall and I, were ready and waiting. We waited for three hours and no one came. At 10:50 Stucks said goodbye to his brother-in-law, and at 11 he dropped in on me. Where was George? George forgot.

Fortunately the stain had gone too, or rather the wall had gone, leaving only stain. So then I sold the apartment and bought a new one. Funny that this simple solution shouldn't have occurred to me before.

Translated by Miriam Arad

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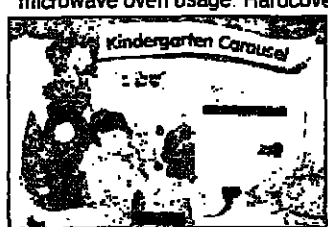
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Doctors deny Senna died at track

BOLOGNA (AP) — Doctors who treated Ayrton Senna after his crash during the San Marino Grand Prix denied that the Brazilian driver died at the Imola track.

Senna's brother Edoardo and some news reports suggested Senna died at the scene, and that the fact may have been covered up to avoid the summoning of a coroner and an immediate investigation. Such an act would have caused the race's cancellation.

Grand Prix organizers must pay heavy penalties to commercial sponsors and television networks if a race is not staged on schedule.

Senna, a three-time Formula One champion, was pronounced dead at 6:40 pm last Sunday at Maggiore Hospital in Bologna, about four hours after his Williams Renault failed to negotiate the left turn at the Tamburello curve at the Dino and Enzo Ferrari Autodrome and crashed head-on into a concrete wall about 300 kph.

Meanwhile the Italian state television, RAI, aired a short videotape by an Italian amateur showing Senna while inspecting the Tamburello turn on March 9.

The videotape shows Senna pointing out to two track officials a section of the asphalt in the area where he crashed less than two months later.

Tamburello is one of the fastest turns at the Ferrari Autodrome and one of the most dangerous because of the wall not far from the edge of the track.



AYRTON SENNA — Determined and temperamental. (AP)

In pre-race interviews at Imola, Senna had said he was increasingly worried with diminished safety in Formula One.

Judges, who are investigating the deaths of Senna and Austrian Roland Ratzenberger in qualifying, seized the videotape as well as telemetry reports of the Williams-Renault and Simtek-Ford teams, which record the mechanical setup of the cars during the race.

About Senna's death, hospital director Giuseppe Guerra said in a statement that medical reports "unequivocally show that Senna died at 6:40 pm last Sunday when his heart stopped beating."

"Speculations about the truthfulness of what was reported by the doctors is injurious to their professionalism," Guerra said.

Guerra stressed that dozens of doctors, nurses and technicians attempted to save Senna's life after he was flown by helicopter from the nearby track to the intensive care unit.

Senna, one of the most popular and successful Formula One drivers, suffered massive head injuries in the crash.

Initial autopsy reports indicated that the Brazilian driver died from "multiple trauma with heart failure."

Bologna doctors also stressed that Austrian rookie Roland Ratzenberger, who suffered fatal injuries in a similar crash in qualifying, also died at Maggiore, eight minutes after his arrival.



CUTTING OFF JERSEY DRIVERS — Knicks' Charles Smith (l) and Patrick Ewing strip the ball from Nets forward Derrick Coleman in first-quarter action. (Reuters)

Knicks, Rockets advance to conference semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks and Houston Rockets both won road games Friday night to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

The Knicks, behind the 36 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots of Patrick Ewing, beat the New Jersey Nets 102-92 to win their best-of-5 opening-round series in four games. Up next are the Chicago Bulls, the team which eliminated the Knicks each of the past three seasons as they won their three straight NBA titles. The Eastern Conference semifinals starts today at New York.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 28 points and 16 rebounds as Houston beat the Portland Trail Blazers 92-89 in Game 4. The Rockets will face the Phoenix Suns in the best-of-7 Western Conference semifinals. That series starts today in Houston.

Yesterday, Denver was scheduled to play host Seattle in a

deciding Game 5 with the winner meeting the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference semifinals.

The final opening-round game takes place today when Miami travels to Atlanta with the winner moving on to play the Indiana Pacers in the Eastern Conference.

Knicks 102, Nets 92

Ewing, who had 27 points in the second half, scored 11 points and Charles Smith had eight during a decisive 23-12 burst that turned a 49-49 tie into a 72-61 lead after three quarters. New York made it 78-63 early in the fourth quarter before New Jersey rallied. The Nets scored seven consecutive points to close within eight, then made it 89-84 with 3:20 left on two free throws by Derrick Coleman, but the Nets scored just one more point until the final minute.

Ewing made 12 of 16 free throws along with his 12-for-24 shooting from the field. Coleman scored 23 of his 31 points in the second half and finished 21-for-25 from the free-throw line. "I'm very happy to be finished and go on to the next round," Ewing said. "New Jersey was in the way, and we got rid of them. Let's move on. I don't care who's there. Chicago is in our way, too. We'll be ready."

Rockets 92, Trail Blazers 89

The Rockets led by 21 in the first half then had to hold on as Rod Strickland's 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the rim. Portland, which scored a

franchise playoff record-low 36 points in the first half, trailed 82-49 with 6:00 remaining. The Blazers cut the lead to 87-85 on Terry Porter's 3-pointer from the corner with 56 seconds remaining, but the Rockets made four of five free throws the rest of the way.

Strickland had 26 points, 18 in the second half and Clyde Drexler had 25 for the Blazers.

NBA Playoff Glance

Quarterfinals (Best of 5)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Indiana wins series 3-0

Chicago wins series 3-0

Friday's results:

New York 102, New Jersey 92

New York wins series 3-1

Thursday's results:

Atlanta 103, Miami 89

(series tied 2-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix wins series 3-0

Friday's results:

Houston 92, Portland 89

Houston wins series 3-1

Thursday's results:

Utah 85, San Antonio 90

Utah wins series 3-1

Denver 94, Seattle 85 (OT)

(series tied 2-2)

Last night's scheduled games

Denver at Seattle

Today's scheduled game

Miami at Atlanta

Due to technical difficulties, Thursday's roundup is unavailable.

Children ride tall in the saddle

Remedial riding school trains muscles, lifts spirits

ON a hillside high above the Sea of Galilee, at the upper edge of Moshav Ma'ale Gamla stands the Gamla Riding Center for the Disabled. The Center, with its specially selected and trained horses and Welsh ponies, is the focus for remedial riding for the disabled in the north of Israel.

Founded originally as a riding school in 1983, the Center has concentrated since 1987 on therapeutic riding. Every week the center is visited by some 130 equestrians, who are, sadly, children suffering from cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and other physical disabilities, together with learning disabilities, severe retardation and other mental difficulties.

Almost half of the riders come from institutions and special education groups. The qualified instructors are assisted by a devoted group of volunteer helpers, without whose help the center could not function.

Riding has become an important therapeutic device primarily because it involves all of the muscles and stimulates all bodily systems. The gentle, undulating movement of the horse causes the rider's body to react unconsciously to shifts in balance. This eases muscle spasm and physical deformity.

But the most rewarding result of riding therapy is the joy it brings. From wheelchair to saddle, the rider is a changed being, looking down on his helpers instead of up at them. The thrill of achievement of riding a horse cannot be imagined by those not afflicted. The rider also forms a bond with his horse, for the horse is a social creature which readily returns affection and will tolerate behavior from a rider that humans find it difficult to accept.

Another important aspect is that of competition. The Gamla Center organizes riding competitions — gymkhanas, from the Hindi "gend-khana," a contest. These comprise not only events such as



DON'T FENCE ME IN — Disabled youngsters learn the equestrian art.

show-jumping for the well children, but also team sports, in which each team consists of both well and disabled children. The disabled children are thus competing with — and against — well children on an equal footing.

For a few happy hours they literally

forget that they are different and the limitations imposed on them by a cruel fate.

Disabled riding therapy is expensive to provide and in western countries it is supported by large, well-funded organizations. In Israel, there is not yet such support. In

1983 a group of well-wishers founded the non-profit organization MORAL to support the Gamla Center. MORAL's aims are to subsidize the cost of lessons, to help purchase the carefully-selected ponies, horses and essential riding equipment.

World Cup organizers: 16 matches sold out

NEW YORK (Reuters) — World Cup organizers reported an "overwhelming response" to the sale of individual match tickets and said 16 games were now sold out.

Five games were already sold out before some 450,000 individual tickets went on sale on May 1. Seats had previously been sold only as tour packages or as a block.

Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., where Italy and Ireland play an eagerly-awaited first-round clash, was sold out for five of its six games including a July 10 quarter-final.

Other sold out matches included champions Germany's two games in Chicago and Argentina's two in Boston.

Mexico and Ireland's games were all sold out as was the attractive Brazil-Cameroon fixture in San Francisco.

Tickets for the semifinals, third-place playoff and final were unavailable on an individual basis.

The July 17 final in Los Angeles is sold out but organizers said "VIP tickets and Finals Week Ticket Packages" remained in limited numbers.

This week on Cable TV

TODAY

CHANNEL 5

15.00 Spanish league soccer: Real Madrid vs. Barcelona 17.00 NBA play-off: 18.30 World rugby 19.00 International day 20.00 One on one with Scotty Picken 20.30 (to be announced) 22.15 Spanish league soccer: Real Madrid vs. Barcelona (re: 23.00 Argentinean league soccer 00.00 (to be announced)

EUROSPORT

9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Amateur body building 11.00 Ice hockey 12.30 Superbike 13.00 Live motorcycling 15.15 Tennis 18.00 Golf 20.00 Touring cars 21.00 Ice hockey 22.00 Motorcycling 1.00 Bowling 2.00 Cycling

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 European soccer show 7.00 WWF 8.00 Golf 10.00 History of the Indy 500 11.00 International sports magazine 12.00 Medical No. 17 12.30 Live motorcycling 18.30 World Cup soccer 17.00 Golf 19.00 International sports magazine 20.00 Medical No. 17 20.30 History of the Indy 500 21.30 European aerobics championships 22.30 Live golf 1.00 Motor racing

MONDAY MAY 9

CHANNEL 5

16.00 NHL 16.45 International day 17.40 (to be announced) 19.30 European soccer 20.30 ATP tennis 21.00 NBA play-off: 22.30 Basketball special: high school All-Stars 00.30 NBA play-off

EUROSPORT

9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Artistic gymnastics 12.00 Surfing 13.00 Motorcycling 14.00 Sports 18.30 Show jumping 19.30 Motorcycling 20.30 Eurosport news 21.00 Speedworld 22.00 Soccer 00.00 Eurosport 1.00 Eurosport 2.00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 Tennis 6.30 European aerobics championships 7.30 World Cup soccer 8.00 Golf 10.00 Horse racing 11.00 Golf 12.30 Tennis baseball 14.00 NBA play-off: 15.00 Water sports magazine 17.00 Motorcycling 19.30 Snooker 21.30 Talking baseball 22.00 NBA play-off: 00.00 Water sports magazine 1.00 Motorcycling

TUESDAY MAY 10

CHANNEL 5

18.00 NBA 17.30 World rugby 18.00 ATP tennis 18.30 Table tennis 19.30 NBA diary 20.00 (to be announced) 21.00 Brazilian league soccer 22.00 French league soccer 22.30 English league soccer 23.30 NBA diary 00.00 Argentinean league soccer

EUROSPORT

9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Artistic gymnastics 12.00 Surfing 13.00 Modern pentathlon 14.00 Eurosport 15.00 Tennis 17.00 Show jumping 18.00 Live sports 18.30 NHL play-off: 19.30 Eurosport 20.30 Eurosport news 21.00 World championship ice hockey final 22.00 Live boxing 1.00 Snooker 2.00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 NBA play-off: 8.00 Water sports magazine 9.00 Motorcycling 11.00 Tennis 13.00 Baseball 13.30 Motorcycling magazine 14.00 NBA play-off: 16.00 Golf 17.00 Soccer 18.30 Tennis 21.00 Soccer 21.30 Motorcycling magazine 22.00 NBA play-off: 00.00 Golf 1.00 Soccer

WEDNESDAY MAY 11

CHANNEL 5

18.00 English league soccer 17.00 Table tennis 18.00 French league soccer 18.30 NBA diary 19.00 "Real" race 19.30 English league soccer 20.30 (to be announced) 22.15 NBA play-off: 22.45 One on one with Don Nardo: 00.15 (to be announced)

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9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Artistic gymnastics 12.00 Amateur body building 13.00 Speedworld 18.00 Triathlon 17.00 Mountain bike 17.30 Motor boats 18.30 Motorcycling 19.30 Karing 20.30 Eurosport news 21.00 Soccer special 22.00 Motorcycling magazine 00.00 European Cup soccer 2.30 Eurosport news

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THURSDAY MAY 12

CHANNEL 5

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Sharks, Stars gain ground in playoffs

SAN JOSE (AP) — The San Jose Sharks are one up on the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Dallas Stars just one behind the Vancouver Canucks as the result of victories in the playoffs.

After splitting the first two games in Toronto, the Sharks returned home to beat the Maple Leafs 5-2 Friday night to take a 2-1 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

After losing their first two at home, the desperate Stars finally managed to beat the Canucks 4-3 in Vancouver and keep from falling into a deeper hole.

Both series will resume with Game 4 today.

Sharks 5, Maple Leafs 2

Ulf Dahlke scored three goals to complement San Jose's stifling defense.

(Using an aggressive checking defense in the neutral zone, the Sharks kept Toronto's scoring opportunities to a minimum and made the most of their own.)

Dahlen capped the scoring with 2:22 remaining after taking a lead pass from Tom Pedersen.

San Jose goaltender Arturs Ibrs

faced just 12 shots through the first two periods, and 21 for the game. He made 19 saves. He had faced 38 shots in the Sharks' 5-1 loss at Toronto on Wednesday night.

Stars 4, Canucks 3

Neal Broten scored twice and Andy Moe made several key saves to lead the Stars.

Dave Gagner and Mike Modano also scored as Dallas erased an early two-goal deficit to narrow Vancouver's lead to 2-1 in the Western Conference semifinal.

The Stars scored four consecutive goals to win their third straight playoff game on the road.

NHL Playoff Glance Semifinals (Best of 7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Thursday's results:

New Jersey 4, Boston 2 (Boston leads 2-1)

NY Rangers 3, Washington 0 (New York leads 3-0)

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NY Rangers at Washington

Today's games:

Toronto at San Jose

Dallas at Vancouver

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Keino wins race staged for Bannister

OXFORD (AP) — Kenyan running legend Kip Keino upstaged former world record holders Hilbert Bayi, Jim Ryan and Peter Snell yesterday to win the Pentland Mile, a handicap race staged to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first four-minute mile.

At the same stadium where Roger Bannister made history in May 1954 but now on a synthetic surface instead of cinders, former Olympic 1,500-meter and steeplechase champion Keino, now 55, took advantage of a 380-yard handicap start to win in 4:08.0 and Ryan (3:30 yards) was fourth in 4:19.3.

Snell, a two-time Olympic 800-meter champion, started 420 yards from the start line and clocked 4:27.8 to place sixth behind Germany's Thomas Wessinghage.

Chris Brasher, whose pacemaking helped Bannister in the famous 1954 race, placed seventh.

Bannister, now a 65-year-old neurosurgeon, returned to the Hflley Road track to be the race starter.

Tulloch, a standout barefoot long-distance runner in the 1960s, clocked 4:06.7 from a 290-yard handicap start. Bayi (440 yards) was third in 4:08.0 and Ryan (330 yards) was fourth in 4:19.3.

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FTSE remains steady

WALL STREET REPORT

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks moved sharply lower Friday, as bond prices plunged on stronger-than-expected employment data, pushing interest rates sharply higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 50 points at mid-afternoon, prompting the New York Stock Exchange to impose restrictions on program trading at 2:43 p.m. The trading circuit put a floor under stock prices, and when the bond futures market closed at 3 p.m., that allowed the Dow to attempt a recovery.

Bargain-hunters moved in during the last hour of trading, paring the Dow's losses in half.

Bond prices skidded more than \$20 per \$1,000 face value, raising fears among stock investors that higher interest rates will eat into corporate profits and ultimately erode stock values. The yield on the benchmark 30-year US government bond, which rises when prices fall, shot up to 7.53 percent from 7.33 percent on Thursday.

Investors staged a wide selloff in which almost nothing was spared. Economically sensitive issues, financial stocks, consumer and retail stocks all sank. Utility issues, which are often viewed as a leading indicator of future stock market moves, fell sharply.

Oil stocks bucked the trend, rising sharply in sympathy with oil

prices. Bond prices began skidding after the Labor Department said non-farm payrolls added 267,000 jobs in April, far more than the 170,000 to 200,000 that analysts expected.

The unemployment rate fell to 6.4 percent; analysts had expected it to remain unchanged.

More troubling, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said job growth would have been even stronger if not for a nationwide trucking strike that idled 70,000 drivers and dock workers most of the month.

Market analysts expected that the job growth report would prompt the Federal Reserve to accelerate a plan to raise interest rates in an attempt to head off inflation.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 26.47 to 3,669.50. Declining issues outnumbered advancing by about 3 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 555 up, 1,711 down and 529 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 289.56 million shares as of 4 p.m. against 255.68 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index fell 2.02 to 248.47. The Nasdaq index lost 7.95 to 732.60.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index declined 1.97 to 439.73.

LONDON — Shares rallied towards the end of a volatile day, leaving the FTSE 100 index unchanged at 3,106.0 despite sharp falls in bonds and US stocks.

The market in the morning was unmoved by the dismal performance by Prime Minister John Major's Conservatives in local elections on Thursday, before being knocked back as US bonds slumped after strong US employment data. The FTSE had fallen 19.3 points since last Friday.

TOKYO — Stocks ended firmer amid an absence of serious sellers due to the "Golden Week" holidays, with the Nikkei average closing just off the day's high. Sentiment was firm as worries of further rises in the yen against the dollar temporarily retreated after central banks intervened. The Nikkei average ended up 292.26 points or

1.49 percent to 19,862.47, up 137.22 on the week.

HONG KONG — Hong Kong stocks ended sharply higher, rebounding from heavy losses earlier in the week, but the rally was tempered by nervousness over upcoming US economic data and fears of rising interest rates. The blue-chip Hang Seng index finished 207.39 points higher at 8,620.27, a drop of 345.8 since last Friday.

JOHANNESBURG — Industrial shares closed well up on the final election outcome, with the news reversing the earlier gold share decline on weaker bullion.

The overall index ended 77 points up at 5,308, a fall of 50 points on last week. The industrial index added 164 points at 6,513, up 102 since last Friday and the gold index seven points up at 1,826, down 174 on the week.

Dollar falls on stock selloff

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar fell against most major currencies Friday after stronger-than-expected employment numbers sparked a selloff in the stock and bond markets, pulling capital away from the US.

Gold prices soared in US trading after advancing modestly in Europe. On New York's Commodity Exchange, gold for current delivery rose \$9.80 per troy ounce to settle at \$383.40.

Precious metals analysts said gold gained in part on inflation

fears sparked by the strong economic report. But they also cited technical factors, including the covering of short positions by investors who had been betting that the metal would fall in price.

The dollar initially rose after the government's report that unemployment fell to 6.4 percent in April from 6.5 percent in March. The Labor Department said non-farm payrolls grew by 267,000, compared to market expectations of a gain of 170,000 jobs.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (6.5.94)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	1.625	4.000	4.750	
Pound sterling (£100,000)	2.800	3.000	4.250	
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.250	4.125	4.125	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	2.875	2.875	
Yen (100 million yen)	0.625	0.750	0.875	

(Rate 5% higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (6.5.94)				
Currency	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep.
U.S. dollar	2.2400	2.2300	2.24	2.2716
German mark	2.2801	2.2722	2.28	2.3100
French franc	4.4752	4.4522	4.48	4.5500
Japanese yen (100)	0.0027	0.0026	0.0027	0.0026
Dutch guilder	1.9367	1.9292	1.94	1.9700
Swiss franc	2.1120	2.1017	2.12	2.1500
British pound	0.4498	0.4458	0.45	0.4600
Italian lira (1000)	0.0027	0.0026	0.0027	0.0026
Spanish peseta (100)	2.1655	2.1580	2.17	2.2100

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUM

Utilities resume retreat

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) — Utility stocks have been steadily declining, casting fear into the hearts of stock market analysts who believe these issues are a harbinger of higher interest rates and further weakness on Wall Street.

"They're crushing these things," Dudley Eppel, senior stock trader at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities, said of utility stocks Friday.

The decline is one of many indications that "interest rates are going up, whether we like it or not," he said.

Utility stocks have fallen about 16 percent since last September, a bigger drop than their 13 percent decline before the big market crash in 1987, notes Hugh Johnston, First Albany Corp.'s market strategist.

The Dow Jones average of 15 utility companies closed Friday at 188.33, down 3.96, or 2.05 percent. The average has fallen about 19 percent from its peak of about 233 near the end of last year. That compares with a drop of about 8 percent in the Dow Jones industrial average and 14 percent in the Dow Jones transportation average from their peaks earlier this year.

The Dow utility average fell to the low 190s in early April, then attempted a recovery, rising to

about 203 in mid-April. That prompted a little optimism, mostly in the bond market, that the current stock market correction might be over.

But the April rally was short-lived, and utility issues quickly began sinking again.

"I saw nothing that suggested overall that the bottom was in place," said James Schroeder, market analyst at MMS International in Chicago. "I found it a bit amusing that bond people were pointing to utilities and saying, 'here we go, this is it.' That's ludicrous, considering how far it's fallen. Since the April low, it has done nothing."

Schroeder is among those who believe utility stocks are pointing the way to a lower overall stock market.

Utility issues are leading indicators for one main reason: utility companies have high construction costs that require them to borrow heavily in the capital markets. That means they are very sensitive to interest rate increases.

Ultimately, higher interest rates usually cut into the profits of most corporations, sending the entire market lower.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Stock	Price	Chg	Stock	Price	Chg	Stock	Price	Chg	Stock	Price	Chg
NEW YORK											
ADP Inc	64	-1.125	Chenoweth	83.125	-0.125	Geac	25.375	-0.25	Midwest	49.375	-0.625
ADP Corp	51	-0.125	Chrysler	13.625	-0.125	General	38.125	-0.125	Midwest	49.375	-0.625
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Rabin makes last appeal for Haberfeld

Prime minister writes personal letter to all Histadrut members

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has sent a personal message to all Histadrut members urging them to vote for the Labor Party in Tuesday's elections.

Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres also appeared in large ads in the weekend newspapers calling on Histadrut members to vote for Labor.

The Labor Party has become anxious following the publication of polls on Friday predicting a landslide victory for the Ramon-Meretz list. In *Ma'ariv's* poll,

Haim Ramon received 47% of the vote, with 29.8% for Haim Haberfeld. *Yedioth Aharonot's* poll showed 42% for Ramon and 22% for Haberfeld.

A Labor Party campaign ad, which was aired by the New Channel 2 last night, equates Ramon's deserting his party with the Democratic Movement for Change, which promised "new life to the political system in 1977." The new hope DMC promised ended resulting in Labor losing 15 mandates, it says. The television ad

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

goes on to show the results: Begin [the Likud] gains power, the war in Lebanon erupts and other disasters ensue.

In his message, Rabin warned Histadrut members that voting for Ramon would weaken the party and jeopardize the government's ability to advance the peace process.

The Labor Party, Rabin states in his letter, "promised to change the national order of priorities, to

rehabilitate society and the economy and to lead the peace process. Labor's strength today will determine more than anything else the fate of the state of Israel. Giving a hand to a rift in the party would weaken and endanger the government's ability to guide and achieve goals which the great majority of the public supports."

"Is there anyone who imagines that the match between Meretz and Shas will bring salvation to the Histadrut and welfare to the workers?" says Rabin, who goes on to

reproach Ramon without mentioning him by name.

"We have enabled every member to contend in the primaries. But there is no democracy without accepting the decision of the majority. He who contends must accept this. This is what I did and this is what Shimon Peres has done, more than once. I am against disqualifying anyone on a personal basis, but we cannot accept a norm that a person contends for a position, and when he loses, he quits, causing dissension."

Yehud residents await solution

RAINE MARCUS

NEIGHBORS of Uzi Meshulam, who is still barricaded in his home in Yehud, are still waiting for police to reach a solution that will restore their street to its former peace and quiet.

Although residents have asked for a meeting with Police Minister Moshe Shahal, he has made no plans to visit the area.

On Thursday, Shahal said that plans for Meshulam are at an operational level but police still prefer to reach an agreement "without bloodshed."

Meshulam and several armed followers remain holed up in the home, which is surrounded by a fence of oil drums and sandbags. Scores of supporters arrive every evening, and to avoid provocations Meshulam has posted a large sign at the entrance to the house asking visitors not to park outside residents' homes.

Trucks loaded with provisions and visitors still arrive daily, and strangers, reporters and photographers are still photographed by followers.

To a degree, residents seem to have gotten used to his presence. "He is making less noise now," said one resident. "But the principle of him acting out the part of sheriff on our street disturbs us."

Armed guards still patrol nearby apartment blocks, said the resi-

dent. From time to time Meshulam, always armed with at least one pistol and mostly accompanied by armed guards, ventures out of the house to the old age home opposite, from where police are filming his every move. Several attempts by Meshulam to enter the home were rebuffed last week. Attempts to conduct peaceful negotiations behind the scenes also came to naught.

Meshulam, described by a senior police officer as a "very clever, manipulative psychopath who has excellent negotiating powers but who may resort to desperate measures if cornered," is apparently aware of police strategies. One officer said it seemed that Meshulam is receiving information from police sources about plans to bring the siege to an end.

Police Inspector-General Asaf Hefetz, barely a week in office, has already come under fire for revealing in an "off-the-record" conversation with a reporter that Meshulam phones him daily.

Hefetz also fell into a trap when Meshulam spoke to him on a cellular phone while the latter was being filmed by an ITV news crew. Hefetz was unaware his conversation was being filmed, and the incident was an embarrassment to the police.

Pharmacists set to start strike today

JUDY SIEGEL

ALL 1,200 public-sector pharmacists are to begin a strike at 7 a.m. today, after failing to reach agreement on a new wage contract during two weeks of negotiations with Treasury officials.

Pharmacists in government and Kupat Holim hospitals, as well as health fund community clinics, will supply drugs only in emergencies recognized by special strike committees.

Union chief Dvora Arad said Friday that "the gap between what they're offering us and what we're willing to accept is still very large." The pharmacists are demanding the same increases granted recently to other sectors in the health system, or about 40 percent. The Finance Ministry is willing to approve only a 30% increase, she said.

The pharmacists halted a strike last month after the government agreed to negotiate in good faith.

During the strike, Kupat Holim Clalit will allow its members to purchase drugs at all private pharmacies if they purchase "stamps" in health fund offices.

Itim reporter wins attribution battle against 'Hadashot'

LIAT COLLINS

AN Itim news agency reporter on Thursday won his battle against the defunct Hebrew daily *Hadashot* for running stories he wrote without attributing them to him or the agency.

Beersheba Magistrates Court Judge Tohar Shahaf ordered *Hadashot*, the paper where former *Hadashot* editor Yoel Esteron now works and a member of the Schocken group which owned the defunct paper, to run announcements admitting that three articles were incorrectly attributed to *Hadashot* reporters instead of the news agency. The Itim reporter, Yitzhak Levinson, turned down a small offer of monetary compensation.

"The principle was more important than the quest for financial reward," Levinson said. "After 44 years, somebody at last has recognized that Itim has the copyright on what it produces and has recognized all the hard work our reporters do."

Levinson, who sued the giant media group without a lawyer - "for financial reasons" - said he hoped "the case would serve as a warning to other reporters who consider using someone else's legwork and skills to write their articles."

Other Itim reporters are apparently considering filing similar petitions in light of Levinson's success.



Dr. Sophie Freud, the granddaughter of Sigmund Freud, visits the rector's office of Bar-Ilan University, where she gave a series of lectures on, among other things, new directions in evaluating her grandfather's work and post-modernist thinking.

Dylan buys a synagogue in LA area

TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES

BOB Dylan, almost as notable for his inter-religious migrations as his music, is now the owner of a synagogue.

More precisely, the rock icon has bought the building - which was once a supermarket - that houses Sha'arei Am: The Santa Monica Synagogue.

The 200 youngish families of the Reform congregation's, who were weaned on Dylan's music in the 1960s and '70s, are delighted with their new landlord, as is the spiritual leader, Jeffrey Marx, who takes pride in his collection of Dylan albums.

Originally, the congregation worshiped in a Lutheran church, but moved to its present quarters in Santa Monica six years ago, attracted by the low rent and ample parking.

There has been no direct contact between the congregation and Dylan since he bought the property in January. Whether the acquisition represents a bow to his Jewish heritage is open to speculation.

US suspects Kahane murder part of terrorist conspiracy

EMILY TORGAN
NEW YORK

FEDERAL prosecutors have filed papers in New York Federal Court linking the World Trade Center bombers with the plot to assassinate Rabbi Meir Kahane, local papers reported over the weekend.

According to *New York Newsday*, the 100-page document says that El Sayyid Nosair, imprisoned on gun charges following Kahane's assassination in 1990, owned a car in which fingerprints of World Trade Center terrorists Nidal Ayyad and Mohammed Salameh were discovered.

The documents, said to be the most comprehensive account of the government's case received to date, claim that Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and 15 others had joined in a "war of terrorism against the United States." The prosecution states that the 14 had considered bombings of the United Nations, the FBI headquarters, the Staten Island Homeport and the Staten Island tunnels.

Reportedly, the group also contemplated assassinations of State Assemblyman Dov Hikind, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Judge Alvin Schlesinger, who had handled Nosair's trial. According to *New York Newsday*, they also considered kidnapping Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger to obtain the release of Nosair and the World Trade Center bombers.

The case is to go to trial in September.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Two killed in weekend accidents

Two people were killed and one seriously injured in two separate traffic accidents over the weekend.

A motorcyclist was killed on Friday night when he veered into a median on the Trans-Samaria Highway, flipped over and was thrown 150 meters. Ronen Pulichik, 23, of Ramat Gan, died instantly. Police suspect he was speeding.

Ya'acov El-Hai, 24, of Bat Yam, was killed on Friday afternoon on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway when he collided with a truck that was pulling off the road to park. El-Hai's car was crushed in the accident and he was declared dead at the scene. Another passenger in the car suffered serious injuries and was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

Rabin thanks Hassan for aiding peace

Prime Minister Rabin has sent a letter of appreciation to Morocco's King Hassan, thanking him for his efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

In the letter published by the Moroccan national press service yesterday, Rabin noted that Hassan had worked for years to bring together Israel and its Arab neighbors, which contributed to the dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians.

Injured tourists flown here for treatment

Two Canadian women tourists who were seriously injured in a road accident in Athens have been flown to Israel for treatment at the Herzliya Medical Center. It was the first time that a US health insurer decided to evacuate North American patients to Israel instead of Switzerland or to fly them back home.

The insurer, one of the largest in the US, decided to fly the two women to Israel because of the complex nature of their injuries. HMC said last night. The injuries included abdominal hemorrhaging and fractures. The women are out of danger, and HMC officials said they could return to Canada in 10 days.

Drama school inaugurates new home

The Nissan Nativ Acting Studio officially inaugurated its new 1,000 sq. m. home in a ceremony Thursday attended by Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo. The Tel Aviv Municipality has spent NIS 1 million renovating the space, which occupies the entire fourth floor of a commercial building in South Tel Aviv.

Social workers add another tactic in strike

SASHA SADAN

THE 18-day-old social workers strike will not only continue, the Association of Social Workers said, but will include even harsher steps, such as the refusal of the 9,000 members to intervene in emergency cases.

Until now, the union's strike headquarters had permitted a handful of social workers to help clients in what were perceived as life-threatening and other highly serious situations.

Dozens of social workers demonstrated last night, demanding that Prime Minister Rabin intervene in the dispute.

The union's strike headquarters issued a statement last night saying the government went back on its word and engaged in deceitful tactics in Thursday's wage talks.

Union spokesman David Ziso said that when the two sides sat down, the Treasury merely stipulated that there would be no true negotiation until the strike stops -

the stand originally taken by Treasury wage-director Shalom Gramit.

A few dozen social workers demonstrated across from the Tel Aviv home of Rabin on Friday. Their union last night characterized the premier as ignoring the country's social problems and hinted that the stress of the strike could lead to eruptions harmful to the peace process.

No doubt the social workers have their eyes on the cabinet meeting this morning. Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ora Namer, who has sympathized with the plight of the social workers and castigated the Treasury, pledged she would bring the strike up this morning.

At the risk of sounding hard-hearted, the union pointed out in its statement last night which hard-ships cases its members would not be allowed to intervene.

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Newly arrived members of TIPH

Hebron

MEMBERS of the Temporary Presence in Hebron (TIPH) met yesterday and before the welcome over got their first taste of a confrontation - and a whiff of olive green, brown, and black more like doctors or ice cream peace enforcers. Their job, to monitor the situation, report on the activities of two Palestinians an

Old Wibe, the Norwegian c the team, diagnosing the incident from City Hall, said border p move towards the crowd of m well-wishers were at fault.

"We had an agreement that they keep away. It did not and this p den to throw stones. If they had it wouldn't have happened," he said.

They were welcomed by one o in members of the liaison comm Mustafa Natshe.

The 100-member team - has 60 any, Denmark and Italy - has 60

LABOR's leadership is pressuring the party's Histadrut campaign to cease attacking MK Aryeh Deri in the party's campaign ads, which yesterday be to linking MK Haim Ramon to his alleged shady financial dealings.

Has reacted furiously to the ad: MK Shlomo Benizri said that was would not return to the Labor-led coalition unless Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin or Labor's leadership apologize pub-

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